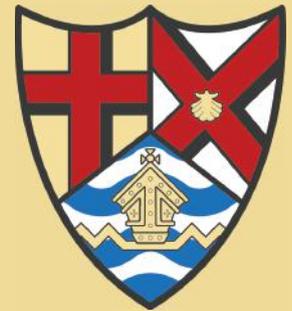


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Hello from the Mayor



for a trial period of 12 months. We hope to get a positive outcome from this very soon. I know that many businesses are working together to explore the creation of a Felixstowe BID (Business Improvement District) and my own view as a shopkeeper is that this can only be a positive thing for the town. The future of retail itself is a real unknown but it is imperative that local businesses have a say in keeping our town centre and resort vibrant and moving with the times. I was proud to open the Felixstowe Forward engagement event at the Orwell Hotel in June which centred around retail and the community – an excellent and proactive meeting which was very well attended.

Hello to you all, and welcome to the Autumn edition of our Town Magazine. I am so pleased that the first issue received such great reviews, we want to promote as much community news as possible so please keep your articles coming in. Since the last edition was printed, Felixstowe played county-host to the Suffolk Day 2019 'weekender'. Well done to everyone who helped make it so memorable. It was a great opportunity to showcase our fantastic town and thanks to your tremendous effort I think we did a great job!

With your support and the combined efforts of all our volunteer groups such as the Friends of the Seafront Gardens, Litter-Free Felixstowe and everyone that took part in Felixstowe in Flower, the town and resort have looked fantastic this summer. It just goes to show what can be achieved if we all work together.

Also in June, a local young woman stood up at our Town Council meeting to ask how we would respond to mounting concerns about climate change. At our next meeting in July the Council joined several other authorities in Suffolk in declaring a Climate Emergency whilst later that month the national press reported record temperatures across the UK. As the Town Council looks at ways in which it can become carbon neutral by 2030 we are encouraging everyone to consider how they can contribute towards this shared ambition.

At that same meeting, Town Council agreed to request East Suffolk Council allow free parking in the Town centre every Saturday from 3pm

Two of our big events for the town also happened: The Book Festival, which was again, superbly led by Meg Reid and is now a renowned event on the arts/culture calendar in the East of England, was attended by many great authors and speakers and all in all it was a real boost for the area. With the help of a super bunch of volunteers and Julie Bellamy at the helm, the Carnival was well organised again. Apart from a rainy spell on Saturday, the weather was on our side and many have said it was the best attended carnival for years. I was also proud to represent Felixstowe in Wesel, Germany for the 45th Anniversary of our towns' twinning. A great but very busy weekend where a few speeches were given, and a warm welcome was received by all. Thankfully I get on with the Mayor of Wesel, Ulrike Westkamp. A formidable but lovely lady who does such a great job over there. It is truly a beautiful place to visit and I think we could learn a thing or two about café culture from them.

Supposedly this is the quiet time of the Mayoral year but there is always something happening in Felixstowe. At time of writing we have Art on the Prom coming up on 1st September which is one of the highlights on the calendar. Then as the summer holiday ends it really will be back to normal, one child back to school, one starting their next chapter at university, mixed emotions but I know the Mayor's role will keep me busy! Whatever autumn brings for you, I wish you all well and hope it's a good one.

Councillor Nick Barber
Mayor of Felixstowe 2019/20

Mayor's Charities

The Mayor is supporting two local charities this year:



Felixstowe Area Community Transport Service - FACTS - was established in 1990. They are a Community Transport Operator serving the local community of Felixstowe and the surrounding area. They cater for more than 1500 regular users each month.



Felixstowe Carnival Association is a local charity, who with a small dedicated committee arrange and put on an annual Carnival for the benefit of the residents of Felixstowe and visitors to the area. Each year they organise a procession through the town and then entertainment free to all on the seafront, ranging from live music on the main stage, craft fair, family entertainment area and fireworks to complete the weekend.

17th October 2019, 6.30pm
15th November 2019
18th January 2020, 7pm
February 2020 (date TBC)
16th March 2020
1st May 2020
7th May 2020

Cheese & Wine evening at Felixstowe Museum
Local Music Showcase, The Orwell Hotel
Quiz night, Trade & Labour Club
Curry Night
Ryan Gooding Medium Night, The Orwell Hotel
Mayors Charity Ball
VE Day Tea Dance

For further info and tickets please contact the Mayor's Secretary, Lorna Mosen on 01394 288193, Email Lorna.Mosen@felixstowe.gov.uk

Your Magazine

We would be pleased to receive relevant articles from community groups and voluntary organisations letting residents know what is happening in the Felixstowe area. If your group would like to submit an article for consideration in the next quarterly edition (Winter, covering December - March 2020) send it via email to enquiries@felixstowe.gov.uk by Friday 15th November. If possible, include hi-res images/photos and your group's logo. You don't have to send a fully-written article – bullet points or a few notes are fine to help point us in the right direction – but it must be no longer than 250 words.

We will aim to cover many different articles from issue to issue and will seek to offer a fair and equal representation for community groups throughout the town. Sometimes articles may have to be edited, shortened or dropped altogether.

Advertising

Limited advertising space will be available in future editions to support the cost of publication, with priority given to local, reputable businesses.

Call 01394 282086 or email enquiries@felixstowe.gov.uk for prices and to book your ad.

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Drop in to the Town Hall or call us during office hours (9am-4pm, Mon-Fri) – or email us at any time. We'd love to hear from you.

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Who do I talk to about.....?

With three tiers of local government in Suffolk it can be confusing knowing which authority to contact about local matters or a particular service.

This brief list outlines some of the key areas covered by each council to help untangle the web and to show who does what in your area.



Felixstowe Town Council is the council closest to its residents and is responsible for:

- The office of the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Mayoral engagements
- Awarding grants to support local community group and charities
- Remembrance events in conjunction with the Felixstowe Branch of the Royal British Legion
- The upkeep of Felixstowe's War and Flood memorials
- Felixstowe's Community Emergency Plan
- Felixstowe in Flower floral basket scheme and competitions
- Floral bedding at the Triangle and seafront
- The locally funded Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
- Supporting the provision of Community Public Access Defibrillators
- Felixstowe Town Hall – the administrative home of the Town Council, a local base for partner community services such as the Suffolk County Council Registrar, Felixstowe Forward and the Timebank, open to the public for meetings and a popular wedding venue
- Broadway House – the home of Felixstowe Old People's Welfare Association (FOPWA)
- Walton Community Hall – available for private and community hire
- Allotment sites at Cowpasture, Ferry Road, Railway Hill and Taunton Road
- Felixstowe Cemetery and its Gardens of Rest
- The Felixstowe Civic Awards scheme to recognise our local community heroes
- Supporting the town's twinning and

partnership arrangements with the German towns of Wesel and Salzwedel

- Felixstowe Youth Forum
- Funding the Christmas Lights (supported by the Lions Club of Felixstowe)
- Providing the Christmas Ice Rink (sponsored by the East of England Coop)
- Annual funding contribution to key local service providers including Felixstowe Volunteer Coast Patrol Rescue Service, Level Two Youth Project, Felixstowe Forward, Citizens' Advice and the Landguard Partnership
- Making representations on local planning applications, strategic plans and consultations
- Representing the community at around 20 outside bodies, organisations and partnerships affecting many aspects of life in Felixstowe

Call 01394 282086 or visit www.felixstowe.gov.uk



East Suffolk Council provide a range of regulatory and community services across the whole of the East Suffolk district and is responsible for:

- The collection of council tax and business rates
- Local planning and building regulations
- Kerbside waste and recycling collections, including fly tipping (in conjunction with East Suffolk Norse)
- Benefits
- Community Safety
- Elections
- Street cleaning

- Housing needs
- Maintaining the resort of Felixstowe and the provision of beach huts
- Maintenance of Felixstowe's public parks, open spaces and play areas (in conjunction with East Suffolk Norse)
- Public car parks (note: currently the police are the only on-street parking enforcement authority)
- Licensing, Environmental and Port Health
- Leisure services (in conjunction with Places Leisure)

Call 0333 016 2000 or visit www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk



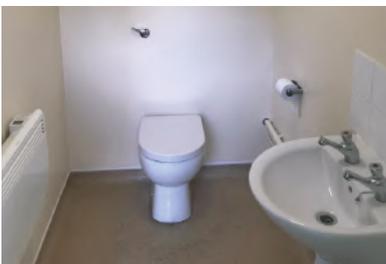
Suffolk County Council is the top tier of local government,

providing services on a county-wide basis and is responsible for:

- Highways (except motorways and major A roads which are the responsibility of Highways England)
- Education and Libraries
- Social services
- Trading standards
- Public transport
- Bus passes and disabled parking permits
- Registry of births, deaths and marriages
- Most street lighting, pavements, rights of way, footpaths and cycle ways
- Adoption and fostering
- Fire and rescue services
- Waste and Recycling centres

Call 0345 606 6067 or visit www.suffolk.gov.uk

For your Convenience



Work is almost complete on the refurbishment of the public conveniences at Felixstowe Cemetery.

The building situated opposite the office, includes three separate bathrooms, one of which is equipped for Disabled use. The Suffolk Coastal Disability Forum have given advice regarding the Disabled bathroom, and along with dark blue handrails, the walls have been painted a pale blue to give a contrast for those with sight difficulties.





Chamber Welcomes Guest Speakers



Suffolk Constabulary's new South East Locality, Inspector Sally Henderson, who heads up the Safer Neighbourhood team in Felixstowe and the surrounding area, will be the guest speaker at the Felixstowe Chamber of Trade and Commerce's monthly Breakfast at the Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club

on the 18th September. Sally has been invited to talk about the Force's plans to protect businesses and residents against crime in the town centre and neighbouring areas and answer questions from concerned members. Inspector Henderson is the latest top-level speaker at the Chamber's regular Breakfasts held alternately in the Orwell and Brook Hotels and the Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club, addressing local, regional and national issues affecting all sectors of the business community in Felixstowe, Walton, the Trimleys and East Suffolk. The Chamber is recognised as the voice of Felixstowe business and reflects the diverse demographic and unique personality of the town.

It connects, represents and supports all its members. A not-for-profit organisation, it is run by members for members. All the money made from networking events, social functions, seminars and workshops are re-invested into its efforts to grow commercial activity in the town. While the Felixstowe Chamber is an independent body, it has negotiated links with the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce and the British Chamber of Commerce. It is also associated with the Felixstowe Port Users Association and works closely with the Felixstowe Town Council, East Suffolk Council and event organisers, including the Carnival Association, Art on the Prom, and Felixstowe Book Festival to help boost the town's commercial sector. For further information see www.felixstowechamber.co.uk

Hello from the Felixstowe PCSO



Just a quick hello from your Felixstowe PCSO. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable and safe summer. It has been great to see plenty of visitors to the town and families out enjoying the beach in the hot weather that we have had. I have been focusing on some of the more seasonal problems during the past few months which include parking concerns on Cliff Road, the town centre

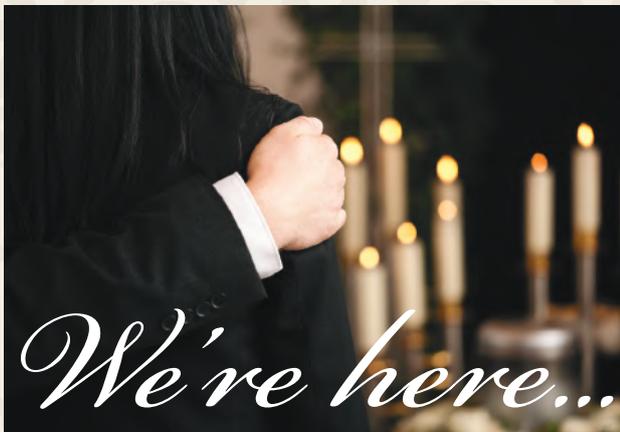
and around the seafront. Operation Parkland began in the early summer to address anti-social behaviour in parks and open spaces and officers have been patrolling parks across Felixstowe during the evening hours to deter and detect anti-social and criminal behaviour. In conjunction with this I have focused on Felixstowe Skate Park where there have been reports of anti-social behaviour. Regular high visibility patrols and engagement through means of crime prevention initiatives and advice has allowed users of all ages to enjoy the space over the summer period whilst helping to reduce reports of ASB.

I hold a surgery on the first Wednesday of every month between 10am-1pm. Feel free to pop in to Felixstowe Town Hall to have a chat with me about local policing issues, advice or information. If you have any problems in the area you live or in Felixstowe that you would like to be considered as a priority at our next meeting please contact the Felixstowe Safer Neighbourhood Team on 101, email Felixstowe.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk or contact your local councillor.

Ben Sagi, Felixstowe PCSO

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Felixstowe Men's Shed

Firs Lounge Project

Felixstowe Men's Shed continues to flourish both inside and outside the workshop. Earlier this year we were approached by the Firs Residential Home, Peewit Hill, Felixstowe, a not for profit organisation that specialises in dementia residents. They had a day room that required redecoration and wanted an Art Deco theme that might bring back fond memories. Two of our members volunteered to take on the project and set about building a brand-new bar for the room with an Art Deco design. Built from scratch with an catching design that complements the selected wallpaper on one wall. With a competent carpenter and a sign writer/decorator work was carried out with a determination and a professional finish achieved over several weeks of morning work. To add to the atmosphere of a bar the approaching corridor was decorated with brick wallpaper so that residents get a real feel of going down to the pub. With a bar, fresh paintwork on three walls, new curtains and carpet the room was transformed. The grand opening by the Mayor took place on 28th June 2019, attended by our MP Therese Coffey, councillors, guests and of course our shedders. This was another first, showing not all our work takes place inside the workshop, but continues to serve the wider community in a variety of forms. If you are over 18, have skills to offer or wish to learn new ones, get in touch. Email: felixstowemensshed@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook. Tony Allen, Chairman, Felixstowe Men's Shed

Felixstowe Wool Baa

The Wool Baa is not just a place to go and buy wool supplies and other crafting items. Within the shop there is a cafe serving hot and cold drinks plus some yummy cakes. More importantly it has become a community hub where over the past two years regular knit and natter sessions and in-house crafting workshops have developed. These sessions are supported by not only ladies but men and children alike. The Wool Baa has become a treasured place for many local people where friends meet and friendships are made. The shop has disability access and is dog friendly. The owner, Debbie Cloud, encourages and welcomes knitted donations for several selected charities:

Fidget Muffs, regularly picked up by the East of England Ambulance Service to give to patients who are living with dementia, as they are transported to help ease and comfort them.

Bobby Buddies, which are teddies or small knitted/crochet toys which are then given by the police to a child to reassure and comfort them in times of distress.

Clothes, hats and blankets are made and donated to Ipswich Hospital for premature babies.

Blankets are made for the inpatients at St Elizabeth Hospice and to raise funds in their shop.

Betty's 5p Pots, these little pots are free to take away and (when full of 5p pieces) return to the Wool Baa where they are collected by the RNLI.

The Wool Baa also holds events and raffles, from which proceeds go to one of the selected charities – which this Christmas will be the Felixstowe Dementia group, Memory Lane.

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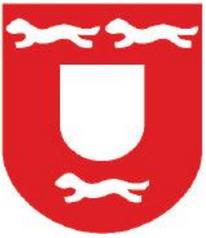
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Email: nick.barber1965@btinternet.com
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The Friends of Felixstowe Library

Felixstowe Library is a thriving and busy place at the heart of our community. As well as the more traditional book lending and internet access, the Library holds a very wide range of activities. This includes 'Tot Rock' and 'Baby Bounce' events, and the children's Summer Reading Challenge during the school holidays (this summer we had over 400 children taking part!). Other children's activities include Lego and sewing clubs, and 'Chatterbooks' for 7-11 year olds. For adults there is a Family History Club, 'Open Space' regular health and wellbeing events, and 'Top Time' events and activities for older people.

Felixstowe Library is one of the 44 libraries located across Suffolk. Saturday 12 October marks the first 'Suffolk Libraries Day' which will celebrate the great services and facilities which our libraries provide.

The Friends of Felixstowe Library is a community group which supports the library and helps to raise funds for library improvements. Membership costs just £1 a year, so please show your support by joining. The group was started in 2018, and so far has funded major improvements to the 'Hadwen Room' for wide use by a range of individuals and community groups. In 2019-20 the focus will be on making improvements to the children's library, including re-decorating and providing new equipment. Future fundraising events include a Quiz Night on Friday 11 October (tickets available from the Library), and a 'Book Mountain' sale of used books and craft fair at the Library on Saturday 2nd November.



Felixstowe in Wesel to mark 45 years of Town Twinning



The Mayor showing the Bürgermeisterin (Mayor) of Wesel his Felixstowe and Wesel crested socks

The Felixstowe-Wesel Association celebrated the 45th Anniversary of the official twinning of these 2 towns this year. The weekend was very successful and enjoyed by many members from Felixstowe and over 40 people from Wesel travelled to Felixstowe for the weekend. There was the official reception at the Town Hall which was attended by a BGA (British German Association) representative. He was very impressed with how successful the twinning seems to be.

The Dinner Dance at The Orwell was a lovely evening with over 100 people enjoying great food and music. The Association held an informal BBQ



at Trimley Sports and Social Club on the Saturday with again over 100 people enjoying a relaxed BBQ and music from a band from Wesel, Mein Zeit. All the entries to the junior art competition were also displayed here. 270 children from Felixstowe Primary Schools took part in the competition which was to colour in a Donkey template to make it as original as possible. You may have seen the Wesel donkey outside Felixstowe Library?

The return weekend visit to Wesel was at the beginning of August and they had a fantastic weekend! They received great hospitality from the Weselers as usual and were treated to a lovely meal one evening as well as the Official Town Hall Reception and PPP Fireworks. Some of the party visited the Water Tower and the Fireman organised coffee and cake one afternoon! Future events in 2019 include a Mystery Dinner Tour, Quiz Night and a St Niklaus Fest Dinner. Anyone who would like more information about the Association, please contact Sophie Cotterell on 07787 545173.

Filby Tennis Academy



Filby Tennis Academy took a group of 18 from Felixstowe to Wesel on Monday 29th July for a Tennis exchange trip, staying with host families who were very welcoming. Twelve junior players played with and against juniors from Wardenburger Tennis Club. The children did us proud as they were so well behaved, polite and sociable. The children could not get enough of the tennis, moving from the clay courts to the indoor courts and not finishing till 10.45pm on our final night. The group made the most of their time in Germany by also visiting Ottenburg and



Hamburg, taking a bicycle tour and enjoying a whole afternoon canoeing. The trip was a massive success and the WTC members are already planning their trip to Felixstowe in 2020.

Cycle Felixstowe



Cycle Felixstowe undertook to ride to Wesel in time for the commemorative celebrations over the weekend of 2nd to 4th August. The group, two septuagenarians plus a third, 2 years younger, were seen off from Felixstowe Town Hall, by the Mayor Nick Barber after presenting him with a cheque for £280 for his nominated charities; FACTS and the Carnival Association. The money had been raised by the group during their

24-hour Static Cycle Challenge held over May Bank Holiday weekend on the Pier Plaza. The trio travelled via foot ferry to Harwich and onto the Harwich/Hook of Holland ferry, then cycled through the Netherlands and Germany to arrive in Wesel, Friday lunchtime, where they were treated to outstanding hospitality by the Wesel Twinning Association. On Sunday, suitably rested, they ventured out with a member of the local Fire Service on an exploratory cycle ride through some wonderful



countryside and villages along the Rhine, returning home on Monday with the Felixstowe Twinning Association. Cycle Felixstowe can't promise to do this every year, but do hold regular rides throughout the year, on the second Sunday and fourth Saturday of the month. Details can be found on their web site <https://cyclefelixstowe.wixsite.com/cyclefelixstowe> and the Cycle Felixstowe Facebook page. You can also follow @CycleFelix on Twitter.

Have you ever thought about growing your own produce?



Felixstowe & District Society of Allotment & Leisure Gardeners (FSALG)

As allotment gardeners we are never satisfied with the weather, it is either too dry, too wet, too cold or too hot, you name it we always wish we had something different! This year especially we have had a very unpredictable season so far with a warm and wet start to the year, so everything started to grow early, then we had a cold spell setting everything back, followed by a prolonged drought, and in June and July it was unusually hot with violent thunderstorms. Consequently, many of our crops matured too soon and we had an overabundance of vegetables with for example runner beans all coming together so friends, family, and neighbours were all overwhelmed with our surpluses. Sadly, this abnormal weather is almost certainly due to global warming, so we must adapt to these changes.

Having an allotment is not all hard graft, once Winter digging is done and crops are starting to grow, we can afford to relax a bit and our Allotment Society enjoys a very pleasant Summer Barbecue up on the Cowpasture site. This year was no exception with many of our members having a very convivial time as can be seen in the photo. We also have had in July this year a very pleasant evening visit to King's Seeds Sweet Pea fields in Essex. To keep us amused now that the nights are drawing in, we are

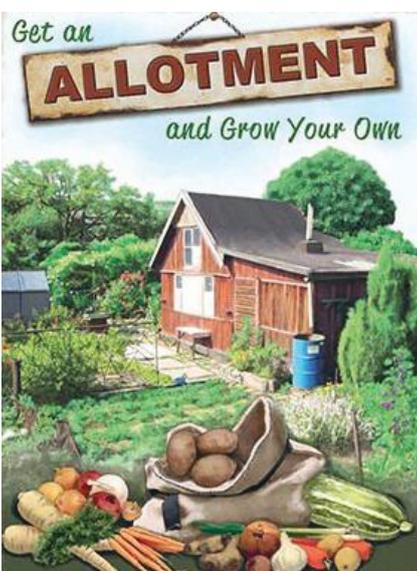
looking forward to our Winter programme of talks which start in September, these are not only about growing vegetables as several are of general interest.

The only blot on the horizon now is the prospect of Autumn and Winter digging, and although this is quite hard physical work, at least it keeps us fit and healthy.

For more information on allotments and the Association, please contact the Hon. Secretary, Jeremy Pratt, via email to

jemanpratt@btinternet.com

or call 01394 286649.



Felixstowe Town Council has four allotment sites, located at:

Cowpasture, Candlet Road, 306 plots

Ferry Road, 94 plots

Railway Hill, Coronation Drive, 37 plots

Taunton Road, 19 plots

Benefits of having an Allotment?

- An affordable source of fresh fruit and vegetables
- Reduces your exposure to pesticides
- Gives you fresh air and healthy exercise
- Helps reduce stress and can give you a sense of achievement
- Good for the environment, providing green spaces and wildlife habitats

- Plots which are cultivated to a high standard could even win one of the allotment prizes at the Felixstowe in Flower Awards.

Council offers a 40% discount on the basic allotment rent for Senior citizens (on evidence of being in receipt of state pension) or Long-Term Unemployed (on evidence of associated unemployment benefits) whether the allotment be let as a single or joint tenancy, provided that at least one tenant qualifies.

See our website for more details.

If you are interested, please contact our Allotment Officer Sue Faversham who will contact you with available plots.

Email: sue.faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk or call on 01394 288191



Felixstowe Seafront Gardens is awarded Green Flag – Again!



Felixstowe's iconic Seafront Gardens have been awarded a coveted Green Flag for the fourth time.

The Gardens are among a record-breaking 1,970 UK parks and green spaces and 131 in thirteen other countries around the world, to receive a prestigious Green Flag Award – the mark of a quality park or green space. This international award, now into its third decade, is a sign to the public that the space boasts the highest possible environmental standards, are beautifully maintained and has excellent visitor facilities. It is a credit to the work done by Norse who maintain the gardens and to the Friends of the Seafront Gardens. The Friends volunteer time on Wednesdays and Saturdays to work alongside the lead

hand. They do a fantastic job in keeping the Gardens tidy. Steve Green, Felixstowe Operational Manager, Norse said 'The Friends have made a real difference and enhanced the Gardens which is much appreciated by the local community and Norse'. Felixstowe Seafront Gardens have also received the much-coveted additional Green Heritage Site Accreditation for the management of the historic features.

The refurbishment of the Seafront Gardens is just one of the improvements in Felixstowe which has seen the number of visitors to the town grow by an estimated 20% since 2016.

Horticultural Society Annual Show



The Horticultural Society held their annual show together with the Fuchsia Society this year and between them they filled the rooms of OFCA with colour and perfume. The coffee lounge was also filled with happy, chatting people, enjoying the delicious refreshments. The main award, the Banksian medal for horticultural produce was won by Cynthia Merry.

Contact Caroll Wallace 01394 272695 for more information and our Autumn programme of talks.

Environmental information

This magazine has been printed and produced locally using responsibly sourced stock.

The paper meets the ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ECF, FSC certifications.

Please recycle this magazine when you have finished with it.

Town Council Declares a Climate Emergency

Experts say we need to significantly reduce carbon emissions now to avoid global temperatures rising above 1.5°C. Felixstowe Town Council has chosen to act by declaring a Climate Emergency and joins over 200 local authorities throughout the UK that have committed to become carbon neutral by 2030.

To help achieve our aim, the Town Council wants local community organisations and businesses to play their part in giving Felixstowe a carbon neutral future. So, if you are concerned about the impact of Climate Change and want to help make a difference here in Felixstowe, do get in touch!



Plastic Free Felixstowe & Litter Free Felixstowe



What a lovely litter-free summer! On Suffolk Day, Litter-Free Felixstowe organised for community groups to stand at the Pier and sing Andy Rayner's beautiful 'Suffolk Song' together. We feel very strongly that it is important for volunteers to work together and support each other. Nearly 140 volunteers, care workers, charities and emergency services turned up to a joyous event to mark the occasion with the Mayor and other councillors joining in the celebration. Alan Boyle's wonderful video of the event and the litter-pick afterwards has had over 16 thousand views on social media. The same weekend we also supported the

lovely Felixstowe in Flower event at the Triangle and the Salvation Army's community fair.

At the start of July, the 'Big Beach Clean' took place in collaboration with Felixstowe Pier – over 60 people including a number of children took part in a litter-pick and were treated to refreshments from the Pier afterwards. We were excited to be the lead story on ITV Anglia news that evening and very proud to see how clean the beach looked after our efforts. BBC Suffolk, Everything Felixstowe and Felixstowe Radio also offered publicity and support. Later in the month we were invited by the brilliant Carnival Committee to be part of the procession and provide volunteers to be 'bucketeers' at the head of the carnival. Again, we were delighted to support other groups in Felixstowe.

The Carnival is the highlight of the year in the town and we were very proud to be able to help. During recent months we have secured MSC, one of the world's largest shipping lines as a sponsor and we continue to support businesses in corporate litter picks including Openreach and Fred Olsen.

It seems everyone wants to get involved in keeping our town litter-free. More information can be found on our new website with details of school and pre-school visits.

Abbey Grove

A Woodland Trust Community Woodland, one of Felixstowe's Gems

Abbey Grove was planted as a native broadleaved woodland by the local community in December 1998 as part of The Woodland Trust's "Woods on your Doorstep project".



(Marion Petit, Mayor of Felixstowe 1988 shows the way).

The young saplings thrived, and Felixstowe now truly has a Woodland on their Doorstep. Abbey Grove is still managed by a vibrant team of community volunteers led by Volunteer Warden Bob Stoner following a rolling Woodland Trust 5-year work plan. Work parties are held on Tuesday mornings in the Autumn and Winter.



Abbey Grove Facts:

- The woodland is freely open to all visitors.
- The main entrance is located behind the Grove Surgery.
- Abbey Grove links into the pathways through the well established East Suffolk owned Grove Woodland.
- Parking is in the adjacent Eastward Ho Carpark
- It is a 10 acre site
- Oaks, Ash, Hazel, Wild Cherry, Sweet Cheshtnut, Field Maple, Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Spindle, Wayfarer and Guelder Rose were planted.
- Woodland paths and rides link into the footpath network in the nearby Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- A Wildflower Meadow is being created
- Small mammal, bird, reptile and wildflower surveys are carried out.

Do visit and enjoy Abbey Grove, The Grove and the surrounding countryside. This area to the north of Felixstowe makes up the lungs of Felixstowe. It does us good, does the wildlife good and does the planet good. Celebrate, cherish it and look after it for generations to come. Contact Bob for more information: rhstoner@msn.com

Yellow Fish



Yellow Fish is an initiative of the Environment Agency aimed at raising awareness of the fact that litter entering drains reaches natural freshwater and marine environments causing pollution and affecting aquatic wildlife. Locally, the project will raise awareness of the local natural heritage of the Rivers Deben, Orwell and Waveney and the local wildlife that depends upon them and how they are adversely affected through litter pollution and plastics waste, whilst raising awareness of the correct local routes for recycling and disposal of these wastes. The clear and central message of the campaign is 'only rain down the drain'.

Part of the project involves stencilling temporary, water-based yellow fish symbols alongside surface water drains to highlight the fact that the gullies and drains are connected to wildlife habitats. Look out for the Yellow Fish in Felixstowe!

Snow Hill

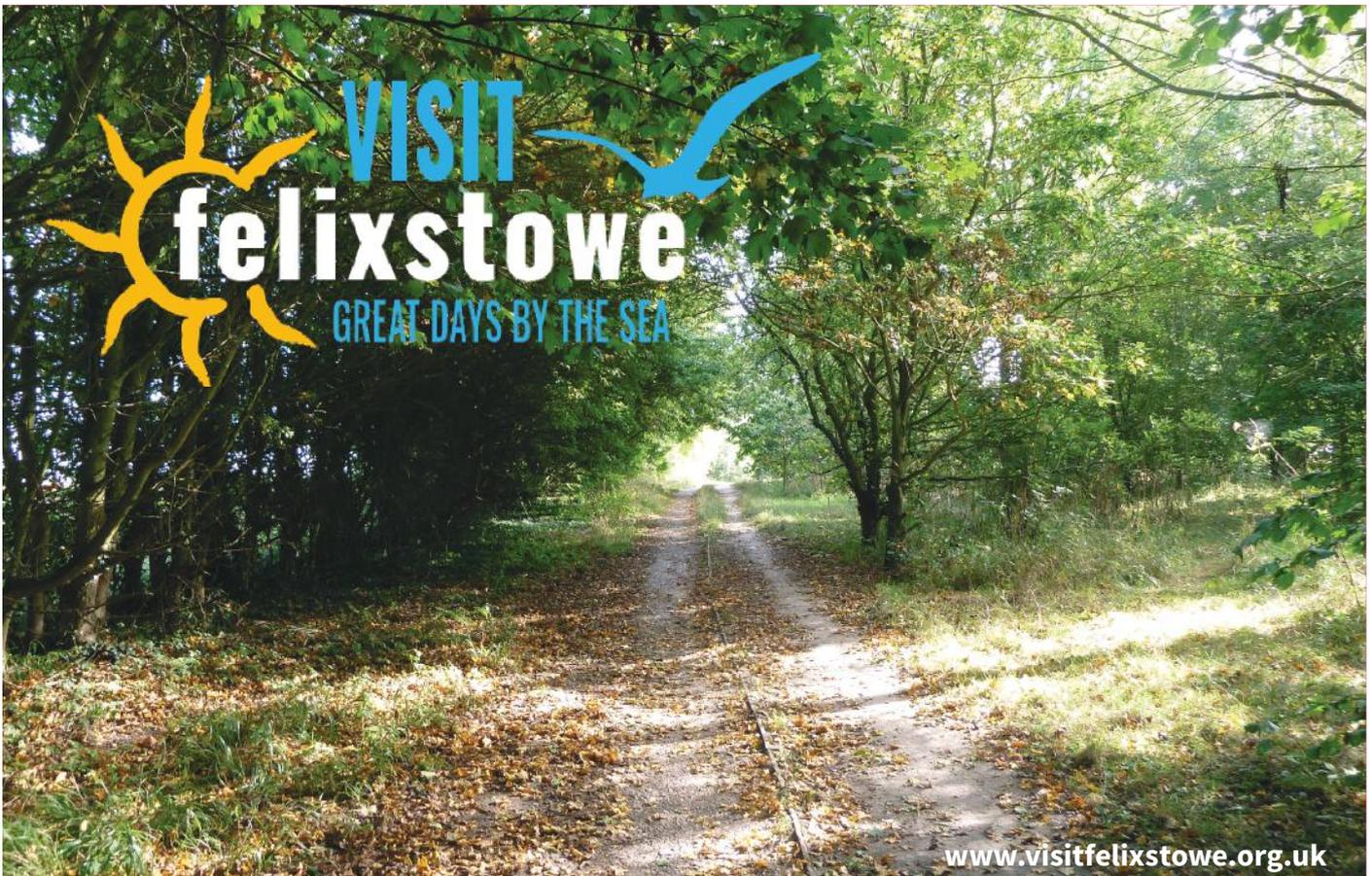


Mention Snow Hill in Felixstowe and most people will ask where is it? It is a little-known cut through from Lincoln Terrace (by the side of Cotman House) down to Undercliff Road West near Wilcos. Google describe the area as a community garden, one that has been sadly neglected in recent years.

The good news is that the Rotary Club of Landguard has taken this valuable little wildlife haven under its protective wing. Over two evenings in June and July Rotary volunteers cleared rubbish, cut back undergrowth, pruned and gave the area a thorough tidy up. Philip Young, our President said "Rotarians are glad to be involved in this community project. We have enjoyed the hard physical work at the same time as having fun together. If you want to be involved in your community then do come along and meet us and find out what else we are doing".

Our future plans include putting up some bird boxes, beastie hotels, and most importantly, recolonising the area with snowdrops. Next time you see volunteers working in the area please do stop and say hello. Rotary Landguard is involved in several local community projects: We provide dictionaries for local Year 4 pupils, run events to raise monies for local good causes, and help support Stroke Awareness, Marie Curie and much more. Why not come along to one of our evening meetings and meet us?

For further information on Landguard Rotary contact the secretary landguardsecretary@hotmail.co.uk



Autumn Treats in Felixstowe

Spooky fun, fantastic fireworks and twinkling festive lights... as the nights begin to draw in, enjoy Autumn by the sea

Head to the mature woodland of **The Grove** for a walk on fallen crunching leaves under the changing colours. The beautiful tree-lined **Beatrice Avenue** puts on its annual show of yellows and reds as you drive into town, whilst a stroll in the award-winning **Felixstowe Seafront Gardens** offers late flowering shrubs and colourful ruby-red berries.

At the **Landguard Nature Reserve** go in search of unusual fungi and Autumn bird visitors amongst the blackberry-laden bushes. Our **local foodie places** will be serving up their Autumn menus of rich hearty flavours. Look out for seasonal dishes featuring oysters, pumpkins and apples.



Autumn days out and more...

Visit the recently refurbished **Visit Felixstowe Tourist Information Centre beach hut** on the seafrost (opposite the Town Hall), where our helpful and knowledgeable volunteers can provide you with tons of local information on things to do and see this Autumn.

Open daily (weather permitting) from 11am to 3pm, then from the 4th November 10.30am to 2.30pm.

What's On

The Big Three...



Festival of Fabric

Saturday 28 September,
1000-1600

Sew great! This award-winning vintage inspired celebration of dressmaking is held at The Orwell Hotel in Hamilton Road. Hosted by the Felixstowe Sewing School, visitors can discover specialist stall holders, attend sewing/millinery workshops and lectures and enjoy a delicious vintage afternoon tea. A day all about making frocks and fabulous finery by the sea.

www.festivaloffabric.co.uk



Felixstowe Firework Spectacular

Sunday 3 November,
from 1630 (display at 1830)

Bang, whizz, crackle... the big family night out this Autumn has to be the annual Firework Spectacular at the Felixstowe and Walton United Football Club (The Goldstar Ground) in Dellwood Avenue. Alongside the amazing 20-minute professional display lighting up the skies, there is the 'Night Flight' aerial drone team and 'FireFlow' fire entertainers. Also, fun fair rides, sideshows, hot dogs and toffee apples!

www.felixstowefootball.co.uk

www.facebook.com/Felixstowefireworks



Christmas Craft Market and Lighting-up Day

Saturday 30 November,
1000-1800

Felixstowe's festive fun starts with the big switch-on of the Christmas lights by the Mayor. A whole day of family entertainment from the Lions Club of Felixstowe around the Triangle in the Town Centre. Meet Santa in his cabin, plus charity stalls, carols with The Salvation Army and a children's candlelit parade. Along Hamilton Road, discover an array of craft, food and gift stalls with twinkling lights packed with fab present ideas for everyone.

www.felixstowelions.org.uk



More Autumn events not to be missed...

Full details at www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk

Celebrate **Heritage Open Days** in Felixstowe with the opening of Martello Tower 'P' on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September (1000-1600). The 5/60th Rifles will be in residence with re-enactments and displays. On Sunday 15 September only, both Landguard Fort and Felixstowe Museum will be open free of charge.

Ready, steady, go... cheer on the competitors in the **Richard Bennett Felixstowe Coastal 10** race on Sunday 15 September. Starting at 0915 near Bent Hill, the race takes in both Landguard and Ferry, plus all the seafront in between.

Lend a hand at the **Great British Beach Clean** at Trimley Marshes Nature Reserve on Saturday 21 September, 1000-1600. The UK's biggest beach clean and litter survey.

Travel back in time on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 September - with the **Smugglers Weekend at Landguard Fort**. 1000-1700. Meet smugglers, excisemen and privateers. Hear their stories and learn about 18th C. life, plus musket firings too.

Wave those Union Jacks... Music in Felixstowe present the traditional **Last Night of the Proms** at St. John's Church on Saturday 21 September starting at 1930, with The Festival Orchestra and Felixstowe Community Choir.

The 95th Rifles military re-enactment group take over Landguard Fort on Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 October. 1000-1700. A weekend of soldiering, musketry and drill.

Full steam ahead to the **Felixstowe Lions Club - Model Railway Exhibition** on Sunday 13 October. 1100-1700 at the Felixstowe Leisure Centre. Various working displays and layouts including the hand-built steam engines of the Gauge One Model Railway Association.

Join the Ranger for a free **seasonal guided walk** at the Landguard Nature Reserve on Saturday 19 October, 1000-1130. Learn about the weird and wonderful world of fungi. Meet outside the Landguard Visitor Centre and View Point Cafe.

Pressies galore. **The Felixstowe Gift Fair** is back at the Brackenbury Sports Centre on Sunday 3

November from 1015-1530. Up to 70 stalls selling crafts and gifts for Christmas. Proceeds to the 7th Felixstowe Scout Group and the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Let it Snow! Join Felixstowe Harmonies for their seasonal concert of winter themed melodies, light choral and traditional songs at St. Mary's Church in Walton on Saturday 7 December (1930). With special guest cello ensemble 'Strictly Celli'.

Experience a 'Narnia' themed Christmas at **Landguard Fort** on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 December. 1000-1600. Step through the wardrobe to find Father Christmas in his secret grotto.

Spa-tastic! A host of shows and events to enjoy at the fab Spa Pavilion throughout the Autumn, from ballet with Swan Lake (27 September) and The Three Degrees (12 October) to Legends of American Country (26 October), The Magic of Motown (9 November) and The Ultimate Publé (23 November). Festive treats include The Big Band at Christmas (1 December) and A Christmas Cracker (8 December). Check out the full upcoming programme at www.felixstowespa.co.uk





Things that Go Bump in the Night!



Did you know the magnificent Landguard Fort is one of the most haunted places in East Anglia? Home to a host of reputed ghosts... from a locked-away plague soldier and a man drowned in the bath to a ghostly sentry in 17th C. uniform. The most famous haunting is the tragic Maria, the Portuguese wife of an English soldier stationed at the Fort, who flung herself from the bastions.

This makes the Landguard Peninsula the perfect place to celebrate Halloween - and once again the Fort and Felixstowe Museum have plenty of 'tricks and treats' for all ages to enjoy.

The Fort will be holding their '**Spooky**' quiz trail over the October half-term holidays (Saturday 19 to Sunday 27 October). Look out for the pumpkins!

The hugely popular **Landguard Spooky Day** is back at Felixstowe Museum on Saturday 26 October, 1200-1600. A fun-packed afternoon

of gentle chills and thrills, with a Spooky magic show from Steff and Nonsense, creepy crafts to make and a scary quiz trail. See the museum decorated spooky-style with plenty of surprises and treats. Children are also encouraged to attend in fancy dress... with prizes to be won!

For something really scary, then brave the **Little Fort of Horrors** on the evening of Saturday 26 October from 1900-2300. A mysterious artefact which arrived aboard a container ship at the Port of Felixstowe has been taken to Landguard Fort for safe keeping. Come and see the amazing artefact... but beware a terrible curse is about to be unleashed awaking the spirits and evil creatures of the Fort. Dare you explore the dark tunnels and rooms? This event is suitable for adults and young people (aged 14 years and over) only.

Both Landguard Spooky Day and the Little Fort of Horrors are ticketed events which can be purchased in advance now from the Discover Landguard website at www.discoverlandguard.org.uk





Felixstowe Forward

Felixstowe Horizons

Thank you to everyone who attended the annual engagement event 'Felixstowe Horizons' on Tuesday 18 June at The Orwell Hotel. The event was attended by over 100 business and community representatives to hear more about developments in the town and resort. Presentations on three topics – the Community in Felixstowe, Open Spaces and the Town Centre - were followed by the opportunity for the attendees as roundtable groups to give their feedback.

On the subject of the Town Centre, consultants People and Places presented their headline results of a shoppers and business survey (completed in March 2019) with pertinent and constructive discussions afterwards. It was encouraging to see clear priorities emerging which will provide the basis for short, medium and long-term aspirations in the town. Work has started on creating a town action plan. You can read the unabridged feedback responses at www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/felixstowe-horizons



Early in the Autumn we will be running a series of network events to share the Town Action Plan, the outcomes from the People and Places work and the Business Improvement District feasibility study. If you are a town centre business and would like to know more please do not hesitate to get in touch. Helen Greengrass, Felixstowe Forward Change Director, would be happy to make an appointment with you. In the meantime if you would like to receive an invitation to these network events please do contact Felixstowe Forward.
Email: felixstowe.forward@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

Welcome New Businesses

We are delighted to take this opportunity to welcome new businesses opening and/or relocating to Felixstowe.

- **P and K Home Interiors**
- **Nailpro**
- **The Old Fishing Hut, Winch Number 1**
- **Gulliver's Wife Café**
- **The new owners of The Sandwich Shop**

Whatever stage you're at in your business journey, take a look at <https://eastsuffolkmeansbusiness.co.uk/> where you can find valuable support and advice.

The Triangle

Following the Felixstowe Horizons Annual Engagement Event, it has come to our attention that there are some misunderstandings about the use of this space. The Triangle is free for any local charity and/or community group to use and we actively welcome interest. If your group does not have public liability insurance there is a small charge to underwrite the event at a cost of £5. Subject to the event and activity there may be special licences and permissions required some of which carry a small charge (e.g. street collection permit).

Happy Birthday Timebank!



Felixstowe Timebank is one year old! We started on the 8th August 2018 and we now have 98 members, and over 170 hours of exchanged credits. Help us reach 100 and volunteer your time today on <https://tol2.timebanking.org/felixstowe/> or find us on Facebook by searching for Felixstowe TimeBank. Join us at one of our monthly meetings at Crafty Coffee on Hamilton Road where you can find out more about TimeBank and how you can exchange your time, experience and talents to build a stronger community. The Crafty Coffee Group chat over

coffee and cake whilst crafting but most importantly they are a proactive solution focused group. Some examples of how members have exchanged their skills and time include – helping setting up an EBay account, lending a DIY hand to mend a fence and supporting emotional wellbeing through a creative writing course. New volunteers have come forward to support the Memory Lane Dementia Support group, litter picking, community events and much more. Look out for the launch of CALM (Campaign Against Living Miserably) Cuppa, a new drop in group to support those at risk of suicide to raise awareness and provide a community network of support and wellbeing. The programme is aimed at men but not exclusively. For information on CALM visit www.thecalzone.net

Period Poverty



Inspired by the students at Felixstowe Academy and Basic Life Charity, East Suffolk Council is committed to helping end period poverty and the stigma attached

to it. Working alongside existing schemes to not only support, but promote the good work already happening in our communities. Councillors have joined together and donated over £18,200 from their Enabling Communities Budgets to support the scheme. We are asking local businesses, clubs and organisations to get involved by holding boxes containing a range of pads and tampons in different sizes for their local community that do not already have an existing provision. Locations are asked to display an 'East Suffolk Period Poverty' sticker in the window, to indicate the premises has a box on site. Those in need of sanitary products can then access these products, free of charge and without question. To order your PP Box, please contact info@eastsuffolkperiodpoverty.com or call 01394 444656. A map of period poverty initiatives across East Suffolk is available on the website www.eastsuffolkperiodpoverty.com so that regardless of provider you can find your local provision. To have your scheme advertised on this website please email info@eastsuffolkperiodpoverty.com



Felixstowe Celebrates 10 years as a Fairtrade Town

Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions and fair terms of trade for farmers and producers in the developing world. Buying Fairtrade products ensures that producers receive a fair price for their goods – and there is also a ‘social premium’ which goes towards providing community facilities such as clean drinking water.

Felixstowe has been a Fairtrade Town for ten years thanks to the support of the Town Council, local businesses, churches, schools and voluntary organisations. Fairtrade status was recently renewed by the Fairtrade Foundation following a review of the activities and support for Fairtrade in Felixstowe. Alan Muchal, Chairman of the Felixstowe Fairtrade Forum said: “We are very pleased to be celebrating the 10th anniversary of Felixstowe becoming a Fairtrade Town. Every two years we have to apply for Fairtrade Town status to be renewed and we were able to demonstrate a wide range of activities and community involvement in Fairtrade. I am particularly proud of our work with local schools and youth groups and there is now widespread knowledge among young people in the town about Fairtrade and the support it gives to farmers and workers in developing countries.”

In addition to the annual Fairtrade Fortnight during February/March, the Forum took part in the Felixstowe Carnival and had a popular stall at Art on the Prom selling Fairtrade refreshments. With help from the Friends of Felixstowe Library, the Forum’s Family Fun Day at the library returned this year. Pupils from Trimley St Mary Primary School helped run the games and competitions. The chocolate fountain was messy but very popular. There was also a Fairtrade tea competition with prizes donated by the East of England Co-op and a ‘Tea on the Prom’ event. The Felixstowe Fairtrade Forum currently has over 200 individual members. Membership is free and you can join via the website at www.felixstowe-fairtrade.org.uk where you can also find more information on activities and events.

The Hope Trust



Hope Trust is a local charity serving Felixstowe and the surrounding villages. We see each older person as an individual; someone with a lifetime of stories, experiences and skills to share. Working with those we meet we aim to make later life as fulfilling as possible by helping older people find solutions to the challenges they are facing.

We run different, friendly, compelling and fun activities, as well as tackling serious issues such as bereavement and loss. We know that life is tough, but it can be made easier with a sense of community. When you have a place to go, a place where you can meet other people and have a friendly chat, where you can share as much, or as little as you like, then life can seem better, because you will not be alone.

Hope Trust is here to help, whether it’s getting to grips with a new smartphone, iPad or tablet, our weekly Tuesday, Technology Café can make sure you stay connected electronically with family and friends. Two weekly Tea & Chat sessions take place, one in Walton the other in Old Felixstowe, which means there is always something happening close to where you live.

We have an active website www.hopetrust.org.uk where you will find a calendar with details of all our activities, or you can give us a call on 01394 272592. Our office and community room are located at Maidstone Hall, 127 Maidstone Road, Felixstowe. IP11 9EE – the kettle can always be put on while we sit and chat about how we might be able to help.



National Coastwatch is 25 years old!

Sitting in the lookout atop Martello Tower ‘P’, a workforce consisting of some 60 local volunteers provides a 365-day watch over the beach and inshore waters of Felixstowe. We are part of a larger organisation called the ‘National Coastwatch Institution’ (NCI) with the objective of assisting in the protection and preservation of life at sea and along the UK coastline.

Felixstowe NCI’s facilities include radar and powerful CCTV cameras to extend the visual watch from the entrance of the River Deben at Felixstowe Ferry to the entrance of the River Orwell at Landguard Point. This new equipment has given us the capability of providing a watchkeeping service for almost the full length of the Felixstowe peninsular coastline.

For those interested, two Internet-accessible webcams are online to provide real-time views of the coast both north and south of Cobbold’s Point 24-hours a day. Both of these webcam feeds are accessible from our website at <http://www.coastwatch-felixstowe.co.uk/>

This year sees the 25th anniversary of the NCI and is an ideal opportunity to showcase the often invisible work that we do to keep our coastlines safe to use for both beach users and mariners.

To arrange an informal visit to get a first-hand look at what we do, email felixstowe@nci.org.uk, or check our website for more information, and don’t forget to give us a wave when walking past the lookout on the Martello Tower!

RSPCA Book Appeal



We have had some wonderful weather here in sunny Felixstowe this year and with it have come lots of lovely holiday makers and day-trippers. Joanne and I help run the RSPCA charity shop here in Hamilton road with our great volunteers and all the money we raise goes directly to our local animal rescue centre at Martlesham. We all love to chat as you will know if you call in regularly and of course we like to help our holidaymakers spend their holiday money! Book sales double at this time of year as holidaymakers and day trippers visit our lovely town, (especially when our annual book festival is on at the Orwell Hotel). Folks like to browse the charity shops for a good read and as most of our volunteers are avid readers we are always keen to recommend titles they haven’t discovered yet. The downside to all this is of course is that we have a constant need for paperbacks as the majority of holidaymakers take their books home – perhaps donating them to their own local charity shops. So please spare a thought for our depleted book stock and bring us a few books now and again we will be VERY pleased to see you! From Cathie, Joanne and all our super volunteers.

Lions Club of Felixstowe



Model Railway Exhibition



On Sunday 13th October the Lions are again presenting their Model Railway Exhibition at the Leisure Centre, Felixstowe. The Exhibition will feature the hand-built steam engines of the Gauge One Model Railway Association, together with numerous other exhibits. The Leisure Centre is located on the Felixstowe sea front next to the pier. The exhibition will open at 11am and close at 5pm.

The cost of entry is £4 for an adult and £1 for a child. If you would like to have a stand to display your models – it's not restricted to railways – please call John Gooch on 01394 273514.



Light-Up Day

Work on the Christmas Lights and arrangements for Light-Up Day at The Triangle are progressing apace. Full details will be advertised in November but the lights will be switched on by the Mayor at 5pm on Saturday 30th November and as usual there will be lots of stalls, a Santa's Grotto and entertainment on the stage.



Felixstowe Beach Walkers Walking Football



We are Felixstowe Beach Walkers Walking Football and we have been running sessions at Brackenbury Sports Centre for 3 years. We started with 5 members and now total over 30 members, including 7 female players. Our over-60s play Tuesdays 13.45-15.00 and the over-50s play Thursday evenings from 18.30-19.45. We recently put a team out at Hadleigh in aid of the Air Ambulance which was our first tournament and those that played really enjoyed the experience. If you are interested in joining please contact Brackenbury Sports Centre: 01394 270278.

FELIXSTOWE HOW ARE YOU?

ONE YOU One Life Suffolk

Get ready for “Felixstowe How Are You?” reaching you this Autumn and Winter. Did you know that things like physical activity, getting enough sleep and eating less sugar / five portions of fruit and veg each day, can have a huge impact on the way you feel? “Felixstowe How Are You?” will offer advice on improving ways to keep your body and mind healthy, focusing on good mood, less stress, more energy and sleeping well.

Mental health and physical health go hand in hand - If your body is healthy, usually your mind is too. From September 2019 to March 2020 Public Health Suffolk will be working with Active Suffolk, OneLife Suffolk and Suffolk Mind to promote opportunities for people to Move More, Eat Well and Sleep Well. Taking part in the One You “How Are You?” Quiz and This Girl Can, Health Walks and Red January activities will enable you to enter a prize draw. Any questions about the campaign contact imogen.sherwood@suffolk.gov.uk



Felixstowe's World Record Breaker

Dean Gould, well known locally as Felixstowe's World Record Breaker was recently presented with a certificate acknowledging his 50 World Records. Dean who has been breaking records since 1984, dressed as Sgt Pepper for the occasion, recreating the Fab Four's iconic album cover. Photo courtesy of Alan Boyle from 'Everything Felixstowe & Beyond' on Facebook.

The certificate was presented to Dean by Michael Sharman, Tony Lazell and Nick Claydon, with many other well-known faces from Felixstowe joining in the celebration including Doreen Savage, Ann Kearney, Reverend Andrew Dotchin and Mayor of Felixstowe, Nick Barber. The Event was held at the Orwell Hotel Garden and attended by many local guests. Dean has held many flipping and catching records, such as Beermat Flipping and Coin Snatching, which have brought him worldwide recognition.



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Felixstowe in Flower 2019

Though last year's Felixstowe in Flower set a high bar, 2019 managed to vault over it with room to spare. The town centre was bedecked with more beautiful sponsored tubs and hanging baskets than ever before, and the Town Council is extremely grateful to all the wonderful individuals and businesses who sponsored them. A full list of our sponsors can be found on our website at: www.felixstowe.gov.uk/felixstowe-in-flower

As Autumn arrives, perhaps the most exciting part of Felixstowe in Flower remains; the 2019 Awards Ceremony. Here, winners will

be announced from Felixstowe's seemingly bottomless pool of talented gardeners, allotment holders, young artists and sunflower growers, having competed in a variety of fun competitions such as 'most unusual container', 'best use of colour' and 'best commercial premises'.

Felixstowe Town Council sincerely thanks all sponsors and competition participants for their part in making our town beautiful. With your help, 2020 will be even better!



Help shape the Town Council's Business Plan 2020-2024



Whilst large local authorities such as East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council have broad-ranging regulatory and statutory responsibilities across the region, Felixstowe Town Council is able to focus its efforts on projects which specifically benefit the local community of Felixstowe (see page 4 for information about what each local authority does). However, as a small organisation with

fewer than 10 full-time equivalent staff the Town Council has limited resources. Our aim is to maximise what we can achieve for the town and we know there will always be more that can be done. To help us, we are welcoming your feedback on several areas the Town Council considers as priorities for its forthcoming Business Plan for the years 2020-2024.

At this stage we are seeking your thoughts in keeping with our recent Climate Emergency declaration and the themes of 'Community', 'Open Spaces' and 'The Town Centre' explored at the Felixstowe Horizons event at the Orwell Hotel on 18 June 2019 (see page 15). Please consider the following and let us know your thoughts via email to: enquiries@felixstowe.gov.uk

- The Town Council seeks to become carbon-neutral by 2030 – what practical steps could we be taking in the next 4 years and what can we do to support others in Felixstowe to reduce their environmental impact?
- The Town Council provides financial support to dozens of local organisations each year through our occasional and annual grants scheme. What do you believe are the priorities for the community over the next 4+ years and in

what ways do you expect your Town Council to identify and address these needs?

- How can community facilities and open spaces such as the seafront, prom and gardens, our town centre, woodland, parks and play areas be better used to promote Felixstowe and improve wellbeing? Should the Town Council consider opportunities for asset transfers from East Suffolk / Suffolk County councils to preserve community facilities even if this increases our costs? If so, which in particular?
- Though we receive no income from business rates we recognise the importance of a vibrant town centre. Town Council initiatives such as Felixstowe in Flower, the Christmas Ice Rink and our funding of the Christmas Lights help bring life and colour and we also support the concept of local businesses formalising their own priorities for the town. What is your vision for a thriving Felixstowe town centre and what role should the Town Council play?

We look forward to receiving your feedback, plus any other positive ideas you may have for Felixstowe by 31 October.

Local Children celebrate the reopening of play areas in Felixstowe



On Wednesday 7th August the Mayor of Felixstowe, Cllr Nick Barber re-opened the Gosford Way play area with the help of local children and families. Following refurbishment of a £265,000 project three play areas in Felixstowe have now been given improved facilities.

The Mayor said: "It was a great event, many hundreds attended. All the three play areas will be great assets to our town and countless hours of fun for our children." Cavendish Park has a new Multi-use Games Area and the play equipment at Gosford Way has been replaced with 14 new pieces.

Improvements to Allenby Park include replacing and widening of the 5-a-side pitch and additional equipment added to the existing play area play area. Cllr Letitia Smith, East Suffolk's Cabinet Member for Communities, Leisure and Tourism, said: "I am delighted that these play areas have been improved for children to enjoy. We had a fantastic turnout at the officially reopening and great feedback from the people who will be using the areas – the

children! Work on the project started in May after Felixstowe Town Council, East Suffolk Council and Suffolk Coastal Norse worked together to identify the three play areas in need of an upgrade as part of on-going investment in the area.

Town Council requests Free Parking Trial

At the full Council meeting in July, Town Councillors debated a motion on town centre car parking and resolved to ask East Suffolk Council to trial a period of twelve months' free parking at Ranelagh Road, Crescent Road and Highfield Road car parks from 3pm on Saturdays to encourage residents and visitors to use the town centre retail facilities.

During the debate, Town Councillors recognised that the consequent loss of car parking revenue would present a difficulty for East Suffolk Council, particularly as a number of other towns in the district are discussing about similar initiatives. As such, the Town Council has indicated to East Suffolk Council that it would be willing to part-fund the trial and we hope to announce its introduction in the next edition.

Remembrance 2019



Felixstowe Town Council, the Felixstowe branch of the Royal British Legion and local clergy jointly arrange Remembrance Services for the town. Join us for:

The launch of the 2019 Poppy Appeal from the Triangle, Hamilton Road, at 11am on Saturday 26th October.

The Festival of Remembrance concert at St Johns Church, Orwell Road, at 7.30pm on Saturday 9th November.

Remembrance Sunday falls on 10th November 2019:

- Civic Remembrance Service 9.45am, St Johns Church, Orwell Road.
- Civic Act of Remembrance 10.45am, Felixstowe War Memorial, Undercliff Road West.
- Remembrance Service at the war graves, Felixstowe Cemetery 12 noon.

Please also join us if you can at the War Memorial on Armistice Day, Monday 11th November, where we will observe a two minute silence at 11am.



75th Anniversary of VE Day – 8 May 2020.

Preparations are underway to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day next year as part of the national holiday on Friday 8 May 2020. Details will be announced soon!



Walton Community Hall

Looking for a venue for a children's party, business event or regular class? Walton Community Hall is available for hire daytimes, evenings and weekends throughout the year. The main hall measures 9.6m x 9.6m. Competitive rates apply, contact sarah.morrison@felixstowe.gov.uk or telephone 01394 282086 for further information.

Walton Community Hall is at 274 High Street, Walton, Felixstowe, IP11 9DS

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Email sue.faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk

Boost



Boost is a small Felixstowe charity, existing to pioneer partnerships between faith and education. We are known for a unique project called 'Academy Chaplaincy' at Felixstowe Academy, where we provide a consistent and available chaplain to 'support students and staff, explore faith, and build community'. Being a teenager today presents unique challenges which simply didn't exist even 10 years ago. Yet we believe every young person should have opportunities to live life to the full and to reach their full potential.



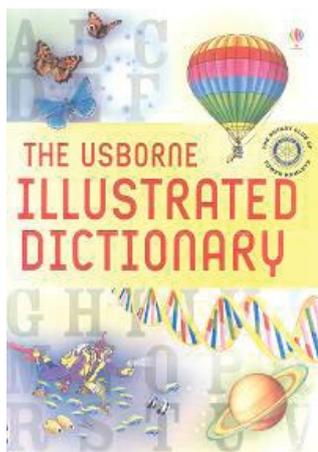
Two of our highlights in past few months are the establishment of the Academy Garden and winning the East of England heat of the Love Britain & Ireland Awards 2019. Most recently in the garden, we have achieved Level Three of

the RHS School Gardening Awards, and our wildlife pond is flourishing and providing a haven for wildlife, with the surrounding wildflowers attracting lots of bees



The garden now features a grass labyrinth, which was constructed by measuring out a giant pathway and regularly mowing this into the grass. A labyrinth provides a space for young people to reflect and meditate, and continues the history of labyrinths which have been in use for thousands of years.

Dictionaries 4 Life



Being able to read is a fundamental life skill which is why the Rotary Club of Felixstowe Landguard and Rotary Club of Felixstowe give a beautifully illustrated Dictionary to every child in Year 4 in all the schools in Felixstowe, Walton and Trimley. It is their Dictionary for Life and we know they are highly appreciated and used by the schools and pupils.

The Dictionaries cost Rotary £3.50 each with a retail value of £14.99. We will have given out 345 Dictionaries in 2018/19 to Causton, Colneis, Grange, Langer, Trimley St Mary and Trimley St Martin. We have ordered 432 dictionaries for the new school year

and these will be delivered and presented throughout the Autumn term 2019. The Dictionary 4 Life www.dictionary4life.com is a free standing project in association with the Rotary Club of Battersea, Brixton & Clapham and Usborne Publishing Ltd and in cooperation with Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland www.ribi.org. Philip Young, president Rotary Landguard says 'The ability to read and write will add enormous value to the lives of young people and forms one of the basic cornerstones for lifelong learning and education. We are to work with our fellow club in making sure we have provided a resource to every child at school in Felixstowe. Thank you to everyone who attended the recent Swing at the Fort which raised over £1,000 which allows us to support projects such as Dictionaries 4 Life.'

If you would like to know more about Rotary please contact landguardsecretary@gmail.com

Level Two Youth Project



Level Two Youth Project, established in 2001, is based in Felixstowe, and our aim is to best match our service to local need.

We have a successful track record for providing high quality youth services for young people aged 7-25. We make a positive change in the life chances of vulnerable young people living in areas of deprivation with limited access to opportunities. To date in 2019 we have supported over 650 individual young people.



Our town centre Youth Hub provides a versatile space where we deliver our early intervention programme, engaging young people in non-formal learning activities on a range of mental, physical and emotional health issues. We tailor our provision to enable each young person to develop the particular skills & resilience they need.

We recognised that Isolation is an issue in our neighbouring villages. To support these young people we offer Outreach sessions at a number of different Locations. These sessions are now well established and well received by children, young people & families.

If you would like to find out more about the work of our Project, how you can support us or simply to come & have a look around the Youth Hub, please do get in touch, email fydgl2@btconnect.com or telephone 01394 272521

Fairfield and Colneis

The Federation of Fairfield and Colneis have enjoyed a successful and eventful academic year. Below are just some of the highlights from the Summer term:



Some staff from Colneis and other Felixstowe primary schools have been working with the NRICH project which is run by the University of Cambridge. On 19th June, 10 pupils from Year 6 attended a NRICH mathematical curiosity and resilience day at the Centre for Mathematical Sciences at the University of

Cambridge. They enjoyed their experience and the chance to visit the University and hopefully it will encourage them to see a future involving further study of maths.

Nursery pupils recently visited Foxgrove Residential Home to work with their gardener, Roy. The children planted sunflower seeds which have now gone home to continue growing. The children had a great time and learnt about how plants grow.

Local artist Tracy Barritt-Brown recently spent a day with our Year 5 children creating art from recycled materials for Art on the Prom. This was kindly sponsored by Jackamans Solicitors. The children's creations will be on display at the event on Sunday 1st September.

Community Grants

In 2018/19 council awarded £38,412 via its Occasional and Annual Grants scheme and its community partnerships, supporting 28 local organisations and projects during 2018/19. This year £48,600 has been budgeted for grants to local community groups, and their projects.

The first round of Occasional grants is now complete, and alongside annual grants support has been given to 21 local organisations including the following:



Felixstowe Area Community Transport
£2,000 towards accessibility modifications for a new minibus.



Felixstowe Coast Watch
£1,500 towards replacement of their old Monocular Scope with Binoculars.



Felixstowe Creative Arts Trust
£1,000 towards the development of the Two Sisters Arts Centre



Felixstowe Friendly Visiting Service
£945 towards providing coach transport for outings for the elderly, socially isolated and disabled people within the Felixstowe area.



Felixstowe and Corinthians Cricket Club
£1,000 towards the purchase of an electric scoreboard



Stennetts Community Café
£500 towards their Free Lunch and Activity Project

Applications are now open for round 2 Occasional Grants, with a pot of £15,055 available to community organisations which are able demonstrate a clear need for financial support and are looking to deliver projects and activities which specifically benefit the town of Felixstowe.

Details can be found at www.felixstowe.gov.uk/grants which provides a straightforward application form and a Grants Policy document which gives clear eligibility criteria. For further information please contact the Town Hall on 282086 or email enquiries@felixstowe.gov.uk

The deadline for completed applications to be received is 30 November.

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Please do pop in or call anytime for further information, to arrange a tour or to meet the team.



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Felixstowe Town Council Meetings

11 September	Full Council 7.30pm
11 September	Planning & Environment 9.15am
18 September	Civic & Community 7.30pm
25 September	Assets & Services 7.30pm
25 September	Planning & Environment 9.15am
9 October	Planning & Environment 9.15am
16 October	Civic & Community 7.30pm
23 October	Finance & Governance 7.30pm
23 October	Planning & Environment 9.15am
6 November	Planning & Environment 9.15am
13 November	Full Council 7.30pm
20 November	Planning & Environment 9.15am
27 November	Assets & Services 7.30pm
4 December	Planning & Environment 9.15am
11 December	Finance & Governance 7.30pm
18 December	Planning & Environment 9.15am
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Note: all meetings listed are held in the Council Chamber at Felixstowe Town Hall and are open to the press and public.

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● Closing date for entry is 12pm on Wednesday 25 March 2020.

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