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# Autumn 2020

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# Hello everyone and welcome to this Autumn edition



delighted to be asked to judge Litter Free Felixstowe's poster competition. The standard was excellent which made the job of picking the winners incredibly hard but thankfully BBC Radio Suffolk's Mark Murphy and Debbie Bartlett from Litter Free Felixstowe were on hand to help me. Congratulations to everyone who took part and particularly to the winners.

I was also pleased to help launch Mark Murphy's 'Don't Be A Tosser' campaign, which reminds people to clear up their litter and was a good the opportunity to promote the town on local radio too.

Inevitably things have markedly changed since the Summer edition once lockdown rules started to be eased. One major change for the town, which I am sure you will have all experienced, is the how the high street has adapted to support the town centre shopping environment. Subsequent to our discussions with local shopkeepers, Felixstowe Forward and the Felixstowe Chamber of Trade and Commerce, the decision was taken to pedestrianise the shared space stretch of Hamilton Road. Your responses to our follow-up survey showed a great deal of support for these measures and, as such, it will be continued for the longer-term. However, we will continue to monitor and remain flexible to changing conditions and your feedback. The most important thing is that people feel safe shopping in Felixstowe and confident about coming into the town.

It has been great to see so many people enjoying the fabulous weather we have been experiencing (although as I write this in late August following Storm Ellen we see how quickly that can change too). Our beaches and seafront have been exceptionally busy along the whole of the coastline, but I was reassured to see how most people seemed to respect social distancing. Many of the shopkeepers along the front I have spoken with have also been pleased with business, even with the obvious challenges.

One negative aspect has been the amount of litter left by a few inconsiderate individuals, despite the numerous additional litter bins and collections provided by East Suffolk Council. I would like to thank Norse for their hard work and all the Litter Free Felixstowe volunteers who have been doing an outstanding job tackling littering and raising awareness of this issue. Our recent success in returning the Blue Flag to Felixstowe once again reflects the pride we all share in our beautiful coastal town; and I was as proud to raise the Blue Flag as I was

On Saturday 15th August 2020 the Mayoress and I, with fellow Town Councillors, gathered at the War Memorial commemorate the 75th anniversary of VJ Day, which also coincided with the centenary of the unveiling of our War Memorial. Rev'd Andrew Dotchin gave, as ever, a truly poignant service. It was an unexpected pleasure to meet a family who had travelled from Sutton Coldfield to remember a relative whose name appears on the memorial. They told me they usually attend the service in November too. I thought it was a lovely gesture and it reflects our shared commitment to remembering those we lost during the wars.

Visit Felixstowe has continued its campaign to promote the High Street and our independent shops so, as I've not been able to get out as much as I would have liked, I have been hosting Zoom interviews with as many as I can. It was compelling to hear first-hand how they have adapted and how hard they have been working to stay afloat. Some businesses had only been open a few weeks before lockdown hit so it was great to hear that they are still operating and even thriving. Please do support our local shops whenever you can, they really do deliver a fantastic service.

I have also been conducting interviews with a range of people about why they love Felixstowe, so if you want to hear what ex Ipswich Town players Russell Osman and Terry Butcher, Radio Suffolk's Mark Murphy, Lesley Dolphin and Stephen Foster as well as a number of other people think of our great town please go onto the Visit Felixstowe Facebook site! I hope to meet you out and about again soon. In the meantime, enjoy reading this magazine and if you would like to contact me please feel free to drop me an email via [mayor@felixstowe.gov.uk](mailto:mayor@felixstowe.gov.uk)

Best wishes to you all. Stay safe, Cllr Mark Jepson, Mayor of Felixstowe 2020/21

## 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 January 2021 – March 2021) send it via email to [enquiries@felixstowe.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@felixstowe.gov.uk) by Friday 13th 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

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## Getting in Touch

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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

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**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)

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**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

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## Felixstowe Fairtrade Forum



Hello everyone. I'm Jenny Brabazon and my role on the committee of Felixstowe Fairtrade Forum is to do the minutes, help out at the various events we organise and write the occasional article such as this.

There are 10 people who are either full or associate members of the committee and I think we make a great team. Town councillors Graham Newman and Margaret Morris are on the committee.

The pandemic has stopped most of our activities but we were able to organise an online conference using Zoom for members of the groups from the eight Fairtrade towns in Suffolk who are members of the Suffolk Association of Fairtrade Towns. The conference took place on 11th July.

Guest speakers were Mike Gidney, who lives near Woodbridge and who is chief executive of the Fairtrade Foundation, the national UK organisation which organises certification and Patrick Kaberia, a tea farmer who joined us live from Kenya and who visited Felixstowe in 2016. Between them they gave a good account of how the pandemic is affecting farmers and producers and how Fairtrade is providing funds to help combat the very real, current effects of climate change. The CoOp, M&S and Waitrose have also provided financial help.

We are also part way through a programme of distributing Fairtrade footballs funded by the CoOp to primary schools at assemblies.

Further information is available at [www.felixstowe-fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.felixstowe-fairtrade.org.uk) or by emailing [secretary@felixstowe-fairtrade.org.uk](mailto:secretary@felixstowe-fairtrade.org.uk). An edited video of the online conference is available at [www.suffolkfairtrade.org.uk](http://www.suffolkfairtrade.org.uk)



## Blue Flag flying again at Felixstowe

Felixstowe beach (Felixstowe South and Pier) is flying high after being named as one of country's best beaches by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, joining an elite of seaside towns scooping Blue Flag and Seaside Awards this year.

With the current travel restrictions and the likelihood of foreign holidays being cancelled, a day trip to a beach has been very popular.

Mayor of Felixstowe, Councillor Mark Jepson, said: "We are delighted to announce that Felixstowe has been recognised as one of the country's best beaches. To be awarded a Blue Flag, beaches must comply with several criteria covering environmental education and information, water quality, environmental management, safety, and services. It was a great team effort to achieve these awards and thanks must go to Felixstowe Town Council, Felixstowe Forward, East Suffolk Council as well as the army of volunteer litter-pickers who play a huge part in keeping the beach clean. We urge anyone visiting our fantastic beach to leave the beach as they find it, respect our resort and dispose of litter appropriately."

The Seaside Award recognises and rewards beaches in England that achieve the highest standards of beach management and, in the case of bathing beaches, meet the required standards for water quality. Felixstowe consistently meets the criteria for 'excellent' international bathing water quality standards and is the only beach in Suffolk to meet this exacting standard.

The Blue Flag was raised on Wednesday 5th August and is flying in Felixstowe as seafront services resume following COVID-19 guidelines.

Avid sea-swimmer and Town Councillor, Seamus Bennett, who helped bring the project together said: "On behalf of all our residents and our many visitors to our beaches, I would like to congratulate our hardworking team for the work that they have done in bringing the Blue Flag back to Felixstowe. The water quality has been rated 'excellent' for years so Felixstowe deserves this recognition, the result of community spirit at its best."



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## Missed the Carnival this year? You can still view it virtually



Back in April once the pandemic and lockdown had been in place for a while, we made the difficult decision to announce that the Felixstowe Carnival weekend planned for 24-26 July 2020 would unfortunately no longer take place.

The decision to cancel the event took into account a number of factors, not least of course the scale of the current public health emergency and likely continuing restrictions to prevent the transmission of Coronavirus. In addition to everyone's safety, we were acutely aware that businesses – our supporters and suppliers among them – had been substantially affected; many unable to trade and when they were able to resume, there would be staffing and supply challenges to overcome.

We sincerely appreciate support from local businesses and organisations through sponsorship and advertising to finance Felixstowe Carnival. In light of the unprecedented challenges facing everyone we would not be reaching out for financial support this year and we refunded monies already received.

During our decision-making process we had tremendous advice and support from Felixstowe Town Council, Felixstowe Forward and East Suffolk Council.

We decided instead to offer a virtual carnival, asking everyone to use their imagination with no fixed theme to create videos, drawings, messages and entertainment for your enjoyment.

Adrian Morris from a local company SDC Hosting and Support held our hands during the technical challenges to produce a wonderful result.

Sadly, during this process, we lost our beloved long serving Carnival committee member Dave Low, as he passed away after a long battle with cancer. He was a jack of all trades regarding the carnival. 9 times out of 10 if you needed anything, he had it, either in his trusty Land Rover or in his shed at home! He will be missed so much and we have dedicated our virtual carnival to him.

The final virtual event included entries by the Felixstowe Fire station (recorded by Drone East), Britannia Pipe Band, The Salon, Tesco Metro, Cory Brothers, Deadwood Drummers, Felixstowe Radio, Spa Pavilion, Litter Free Felixstowe, Dance Mix, Salvation Army Felixstowe, Supernova, Suffolk School of Samba, Therese Coffey, Dynohire, Fun & Faith, Tripswitch, Stacey Ellis, Omni, Serena Grant, The Outlines, Roma and Bouncing off Concrete.

On the original carnival day Saturday 25th July it may have been raining outside but no umbrellas were needed. We were offered free give aways by The East of England Co-Op, Fun and Faith and Ocean Boulevard to give that carnival vibe and the Virtual Carnival was published.

To view the Virtual Carnival <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mJ1GfCL2bsE>

With your help we are now more determined than ever to make 2021 the biggest and best Felixstowe Carnival yet so if you are interested in helping us with the organisation of the weekend, with financial assistance or advertising your business please contact us on [contact@felixstowecarnival.org](mailto:contact@felixstowecarnival.org).

Julie Bellamy – Chairman, Felixstowe Carnival Association

## Felixstowe NCI returns to duty



Along with other organisations Felixstowe NCI was closed earlier in the year due to the coronavirus outbreak. We were subsequently able to open for shorter hours with single-person working, supported by a telephone buddy to ensure the safety of the watchkeeper on duty, and from the middle of July we have been on two-person watches. All of these activities are of course subject to the strict Covid rules set by the government and NCI HQ for the safety of our volunteers.

The uncharacteristically fine weather has brought many sun-seekers to the beach in recent weeks and so our work atop Martello Tower 'P' is as important as ever, keeping eyes and ears on Felixstowe's beaches and inshore waters helping to keep everyone safe from the dangers of the sea.

A gentle reminder to make sure everyone in your party respects the power of the sea and tides. Take special care particularly when using small inflatables that can be dragged out to sea by the tide. Please also tether inflatables not in use so that they don't get blown out to sea with an offshore breeze, as these can be mistaken for someone in trouble and cause unnecessary emergency callouts.

As usual, our two live webcams are accessible from our website at [www.coastwatch-felixstowe.co.uk](http://www.coastwatch-felixstowe.co.uk), together with useful local maritime information, and water users can call us on channel 65 for radio checks and weather.

Do take a look at our new FaceBook page @FelixstoweNCI as another way to keep up to date with our activities, and remember to give us a wave as you pass the lookout!

## Felixstowe Volunteer Centre – Covid 19 update



We are pleased to confirm that following the Covid 19 outbreak and the subsequent relaxing of regulations as announced by the government we are now starting to slowly return to normal.

Restrictions are still in place in order to protect our clients and our volunteers but our transport for hospital appointments is now operational again. All clients and drivers must wear suitable face coverings for the journey and all our volunteers will be equipped with hand sanitiser.

Many of our other services are now starting to return to normal so please contact Sandra our co-ordinator if you require assistance. Sandra can be contacted on 01394 284770 but due to restrictions she will be in the office at restricted times. Messages can be left and Sandra will respond when she checks the messages on a Wednesday.

We are also looking for additional volunteers so that we can increase the amount of help we give to local residents, contact Sandra if you would like to be involved.

Hopefully in the not too distant future things will start to return to normal, in the interim stay safe and contact Sandra at the Felixstowe volunteer centre if you need any assistance.



## Roundup from Felixstowe Landguard Rotary Club



### President Jim Peek

We are delighted to announce Rotarian Jim Peek has been elected President in 2020-2021. Jim has been a Rotarian for 7 years. Jim Peek moved to Felixstowe in 2013 having retired and sold his Post Office business which he ran with his partner Brenda for ten years in Woolpit near Bury St. Edmunds. They have four children and six grandchildren. He joined The Rotary Club of Felixstowe Landguard in the same year and has served on several committees some as chairman. Jim is looking forward to his year as President but is obviously disappointed with the present situation caused by Coronavirus. We must remain positive he said and do what we can to help some of the people in need. That is why he joined Rotary but he also enjoys the company and the banter with his fellow Rotarians.

### Paul Harris Award – Rotarian Alan Peats, Rotarian Ants Davenport

This award recognises exceptional Rotary service by both Alan Peats and Ants Davenport.

### Honorary Life Membership – Rotarian Ants Davenport

Ants Davenport has been offered Honorary Life Membership as a token of his dedication to Rotary Service.

### Presidents Shield – Rotarian Brian Davies

This award recognises the work of an individual Rotarians who has provided exceptional support to the club.

### Attendance Cup – Rotarian David Crerar

Awarded for best attendance at weekly meeting.



### Beachwatch 2020

Felixstowe Landguard have been involved with BeachWatch, the Marine Conservation Society's national beach cleaning and litter survey programme, since 2005 helping to care for the Felixstowe coastline.

Rotarian Tim Pearse organises regular Litter Picks from the Felixstowe Dip to Felixstowe Ferry making the appropriate returns to the Marine Conservation Society. During 2019 in excess of 18 kilos of rubbish was collected. In 2020 14.2 kilos has been collected in just two sessions, a direct impact of COVID-19.

## Rotary Club of Felixstowe

### Presidential handover 'A sign of the times'



Please see below the club's presidential handover with both individuals strictly adhering to social distance in the back garden.

It's Andy Miller on left handing over to incoming president Dougie Pipe. It really is a sign of the times. Please see below another photo from our handover day. This time it's in the lounge. You see Bryan Boreham



receiving his jewel for becoming 1st Vice President from his fiancée Celia (People may remember Celia from working at the Town Hall) Bryan is taking on a busy year because he will continue as club secretary.

### Sporting memorabilia charity on line auction

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters (bidders and donors) the auction grossed over £2500 with all net proceeds going to our Community funds. Herewith is a picture showing a signed Anthony Joshua glove which comes with a Certificate of Authenticity which was an auction item that has become available again.



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## Community champion looking to support local Charities

Hi my name is Wendy and I work at your local Morrisons store as your community champion. This role involves me getting out into the local community to support local charities, businesses and the vulnerable. Alongside these local commitments Morrisons as a company support the charity Clic Sergeant of who we have supported for the last 3 years. September is Child Cancer Awareness month and we here at Morrisons are fully behind supporting this. I myself have worked for the company for 16 years and although we have always worked to raise money for a nominated charity each year and help local causes, as a company we are looking to expand deeper into the community. If you have a cause that needs help eg. raffle prizes please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached in store, email : champion.

felixstowe@morrisonsplc.co.uk or by telephone: 07811 716279.

## Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club News

We have discovered over the past few months that a lot of golfers decided to have their golf breaks at home which has been great news for us! Small groups that may have booked to play in France, Spain or Portugal have booked with us instead and enjoyed the experience so much that they have decided to book for the following year too!! Obviously the amazing weather we had during spring and summer helped a lot, in fact it may at times have been even warmer than on the continent and we certainly serve up the best fish and chips!!

At the forefront of all our dealings with Members and Visitors alike has been to keep people as safe as we can and to follow all the guidelines set out by the government and England Golf, our governing body. It has worked really well. Golf is an easy game to play socially distanced and it was easy to get everyone to eat and drink outside during the hot weather. We feel really pleased for our Members, that they have been able to enjoy the exercise and the sunshine. Our mantra has been Play Safe, Stay Safe.

We have been especially encouraged by having lots of enquiries and many new Members joining the club as a result, including many young people and juniors. We have great membership rates for students and people up to the age of 39 are able to get an intermediate rate. We also have concessionary rates for Country and Second Club Members. Please give us a call on 01394 286834 or look on our website [felixstowegolf.co.uk](http://felixstowegolf.co.uk) to find out more. And don't forget our food delivery service that is still going strong! Fish and Chip Friday and Roast Dinner Sunday are extremely popular so book early if you can!

## Level Two Youth Project



In normal times, we would have had our town Centre Youth Hub open for young people all through the summer holiday and taken young people out & about on trips and visits further afield. Our summer holiday programme this year looked quite different – that said, feedback from children, young people and parents tells us we are still meeting need and offering services to young people. Our summer programme of Outreach & Detached work took the Team out to various locations in Felixstowe each day or evening. (See our website [www.leveltwo.org](http://www.leveltwo.org) or Facebook page for more details). While out & about engaging with young people we have undertaken several litter picks, played games & had some super discussions & debates with young people.

Our new Bespoke Youth Bus has just arrived and is hugely exciting!!

With Schools currently set to return early September, we are looking forward to supporting children & young people in all 8 schools in Felixstowe & the Trimleys. We understand that for many children & young people this could be quite a challenging anxious time, especially those making the move from Primary to secondary school. We will be working closely with schools, offering 1-1 & small group sessions to support any young person who is finding this return to education difficult for whatever reason.

We continue to offer our 1-1 Mentoring & Counselling services outside of school. For more details please contact Shez Hopkins, Project Manager, on 07724356723 or email [shezhopkinslevel2@gmail.com](mailto:shezhopkinslevel2@gmail.com)



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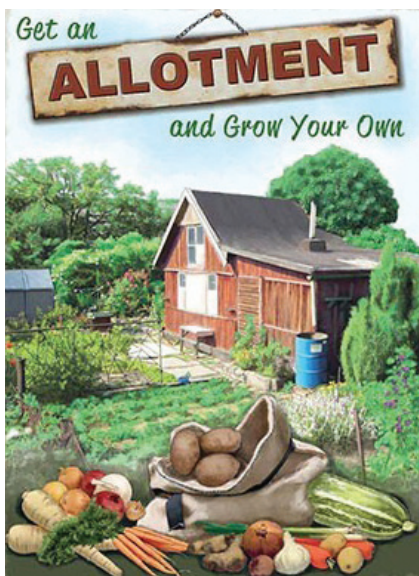


## Felixstowe Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners (FSALG)



It is that time of year when allotment holders struggle home laden with produce, runner beans are being harvested by the sack full, tomatoes are ripening every day and our partners are complaining that there is hardly any space left in the freezer for anything else. Raspberries and strawberries have been consumed until we begin to suffer from vitamin C overload, and what we cannot eat has been turned into ice cream and puree. Fortunately friends, neighbours and families are on hand to take some of the surplus, and with so many people suffering from hardship this year, some of our members are supplying the food banks in the town with their surplus produce.

Having an allotment is not just about growing fruit and vegetables to eat, there are many additional benefits from growing ones own, Health and Wellbeing is now being recognised by the medical profession as a very important side effect of having a plot. Some GPs have even started a "Growing on Prescription" project to improve patients general health. They have identified that participants have benefited from increased independence, better mental health, and improved physical health too.



### 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 information. There is now a short waiting list for allotments but we expect some more plots to become available later in the year. If you would like to be added to the waiting list please contact our Business Services Officer, Sue Faversham.

Email: [sue.faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk](mailto:sue.faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk) or call on 01394 288191

## The Great British Autumn Clean 2020

The #gbspringclean has been rescheduled to 11-27 September 2020

This year we have been absolutely blown away by the support from everyone – volunteers, local authorities, charities and businesses – for the Great British Spring Clean.

Now we are back find out more how you can get involved and show support by: Organising a private clean-up with up to five other family and friends or Pledge to do your own individual clean-up – you can give as little as 15 minutes to the campaign. Go <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean> for further details.

## Environmental information

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## DID you know

As with most agricultural crops, trees are planted in rotation.

Once mature – after 7 to 11 years – they are harvested. But only 9% of the total plantation area is felled annually.

New saplings are planted in the same year, at an average rate of 260,000 new trees a day. This is what makes the paper we use renewable, and good for the environment in capturing carbon.



## Helping the environment with refillable products



Exciting things were happening at our Great Eastern Square store before lockdown. It was sad to close our doors for those few months, but we didn't stop planning. We wanted to

come back bigger, better, and brighter for our lovely customers old and new. We obviously needed to make the safety of our customers, volunteers and staff a priority. However, we didn't want to lose the choice and variety that Emmaus Suffolk shoppers are used to. We got our thinking caps on and had a major reshuffle. With the vision of Gill our retail manager we turned a gloomy storage space into a new boutique style area for ladies clothing and accessories. Other areas were also repositioned and given a makeover. Since we reopened on Saturday 18th July, we've received so many compliments on the new look and one customer even went so far to say we were the 'best shop in Felixstowe'!

As well as all the changes we've restocked our SESI refillable household products so please bring along your empty bottles and refill to your heart's content and do your little bit to save the planet. Also, on that theme we have Emmaus Suffolk Eco, a range of items made by our amazing volunteer team. This range includes beeswax wraps, eco bamboo reusable cosmetic wipes, sandwich bags and much more. Virtually all items are made from donated and upcycled fabrics to compound their eco credentials. Don't take our word though, come and see for yourself!

## Felixstowe Men's Shed - Coping in Lockdown



Difficult times call for a different approach and Felixstowe Men's Shed (FMS) is no different. The Shed has opened on a Tuesday morning but is finding it very difficult to operate with the social distancing in place. On a positive note there is still a good turnout and sitting outside the workshop allows for some social interaction as we each bring our own drink and snacks.

It has not all been at a standstill, one outstanding story is a 'friend' of FMS has been George Newsom,

the former head greenkeeper at Felixstowe Golf Club. Although not a member he has been a keen supporter of FMS, when we were meeting at Sanctuary Housing and looking for a workshop he came and examined their lawn that was littered with weeds. He turned up with his cannister on his back and set about spraying the large grass area with his own mixture of weed and fertilizer. Within weeks it was transformed. This year George had been building planters at home in his workshop. FMS would supply sheets of plywood and the remainder of the construction would come from his stock of wood. He produced 20 planters and gave FMS £270 in June after costs. This despite being very unwell but in good spirits, George died in July this year aged 81 years young. All left over wood and preservatives he used have been donated to FMS by his relatives. We need more people like George who has demonstrated that life is for giving and not taking. Those of us who had the privilege of knowing George and enjoying a drink with him at the White Horse until lockdown will remember him with great affection. The biggest problem facing FMS is the lack of space, we are grateful to Felixstowe Museum for the use of their workshop but as we have grown so has the need for larger premises – so if there is anyone out there who has or knows of suitable premises please contact us on [felixstowemensshed@gmail.com](mailto:felixstowemensshed@gmail.com) Thank you.

Tony Allen Chairman, Felixstowe Men's Shed

## "Gardening adds years to your life and life to your years". (Author unknown)



So many more of us recently have enjoyed time on our hands to get out into our gardens and allotments; rekindling that basic instinct to produce new life, the thrill of a seed germinating and a plant growing, particularly if it's of the edible kind! Lots of people with children have enjoyed sharing that experience and passing on skills that they learned from their parents or grandparents. Many of us are now able to harvest our produce sharing and enjoying the freshest of flowers and vegetables. Sharing is one of the benefits of the Felixstowe Garden Club, many experienced members are only too willing to share their knowledge or give a handy tip. Isn't it reassuring to know that many growers may have had limited results with say their peas, but the strawberries are doing well for example? It's a good time to remember that nature, (especially the weather!) can affect whether a plant is just alive as opposed to flourishing. Many speakers we have had at our monthly meetings, prior to the lockdown, have shared their passion on a particular plant species or plants suitable for specific locations such as shady or dry situations. Whilst others have expanded our knowledge on insect and birdlife and the benefits of a pond in a garden. We hope to meet again once it is safe to do so. The inspiration I get from listening to likeminded people, sharing their passion and visiting some of the beautiful gardens that surround us puts a smile on my face. Sally Gallant

## Summer Clean Up



Every day, the news is full of the problems of littering across the country since the easing of Lockdown. Litter-Free Felixstowe has been trying a pro-active approach and in two four-day weekends over the summer 250 individual litter-picks have taken place, including the beach, parks, woodland and streets. Volunteers have been encouraged to collect equipment previously reserved for group activities which they will now keep for the duration of the Covid-19 crisis to avoid any spread of the virus. Although working separately, by posting pictures to the LFF Facebook page, people feel like they were acting together as a community. It has been encouraging to see the increasing number of children getting involved wearing caps and t-shirts displaying the LFF logo. The group's efforts have certainly not been confined to litter-picking. Members have been speaking to local restaurants and businesses to reduce plastic waste. Education is key to spreading the message with a specially commissioned Litter-Free Felixstowe video involving young people being filmed over the summer months. Two children's books have been published 'Just One Child' and more recently 'Just One World'. Litter-Free Felixstowe also recently launched a poster competition to encourage people to avoid littering. The judges: local artist Bryony Graham, Mayor Mark Jepson and BBC Radio Suffolk's Mark Murphy all commented on the exceptionally high standard of entries including people from 8 years to 88 years. Together, it seems that the local community and visitors are united in keeping Felixstowe as litter-free as possible.





[www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk](http://www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk)

# Autumn Treats in Felixstowe

Leaf crunching walks, hearty menus of seasonal flavours and seafront illuminations...  
as the nights begin to draw in, enjoy Autumn by the Sea.

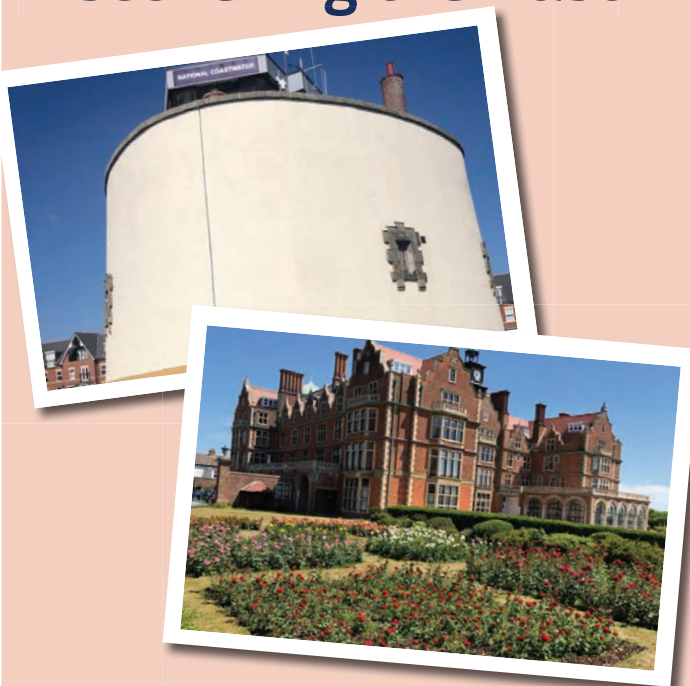
Head to the mature woodland of **The Grove** for a walk on fallen crunching leaves under the changing colours. The beautiful tree-lined **Beatrice Avenue** puts on its annual show of yellows and reds as you drive into town, whilst a stroll in the award-winning **Felixstowe Seafront Gardens** offers late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





## Discovering the Past



This year's **Felixstowe Heritage Open Days** was a little bit different.

As it was impossible to open venues to visit in person in 2020, Visit Felixstowe put together a 'virtual' event held on Saturday 12 September. Throughout the day, all-new special videos were posted featuring unique tours around a selection of key Felixstowe landmarks - from a children's tour of Martello Tower 'P' and the cellars of Harvest House, to Landguard Fort, Felixstowe Museum and The Seafront Gardens.

All the videos are now available to view again on the Visit Felixstowe YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/channel/UC1YUOTIUBYZ29VZX-YsDf0Q](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1YUOTIUBYZ29VZX-YsDf0Q)

## Love Felixstowe



The Mayor of Felixstowe, Councillor Mark Jepson has been chatting to a host of well-known people as part of a series of 'Love Felixstowe' videos.

The aim to highlight and inspire visitors to come and enjoy the fantastic range of attractions, activities, and experiences in the town.

From BBC Suffolk presenters Mark Murphy and Stephen Foster to Ipswich Town Football Club legend Russell Osman... find out why they love Visit Felixstowe at [www.youtube.com/channel/UC1YUOTIUBYZ29VZX-YsDf0Q](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1YUOTIUBYZ29VZX-YsDf0Q)

## Here to help... The popular Visit Felixstowe Tourist Information Centre beach hut is open again.

Visit us on the prom opposite the Town Hall, where our helpful and knowledgeable volunteers can provide you with information on places to visit and eat, events and maps.

Open daily (weather permitting) from 11am to 3pm, then from Monday 2 November 10.30am to 2.30pm (winter hours).

You can also visit us online at [www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk](http://www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk) - and don't forget to follow our social media pages for the latest news and lovely pictures of Felixstowe.

[www.facebook.com/visitfelixstowe](https://www.facebook.com/visitfelixstowe)

[www.twitter.com/visitfelixstowe](https://www.twitter.com/visitfelixstowe)



[www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk](http://www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk)



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# Discover Landguard

## [www.discoverlandguard.org.uk](http://www.discoverlandguard.org.uk)

The Landguard Peninsula offers a great day out this Autumn. Here's our round-up of news and stories from Landguard Fort, Felixstowe Museum and the Landguard Nature Reserve.

The Harwich Harbour Foot and Bicycle Ferry and the View Point Cafe are both open, please visit [www.discoverlandguard.org.uk](http://www.discoverlandguard.org.uk) for full details.

### Landguard Fort

One of England's best-preserved coastal defences, with a history spanning almost 450 years, the magnificent Landguard Fort is back open on weekends (Saturday and Sunday) from 10.30am to 4pm. With a maze of rooms and passageways, bastion view points, artefacts and displays, Landguard Fort offers something for all ages and interests. [www.landguard.com](http://www.landguard.com)

Please note you must pre-book in advance to visit the Fort. Book timed tickets at <https://englishheritage.seetickets.com/timeslots/landguard-fort>

### Felixstowe Museum

Unfortunately our wonderful local museum is unable to open in 2020, but a special room with a small selection of artefacts from their collections has been created in the School Room at Landguard Fort. We are hoping the Museum can reopen again at Easter 2021. In the meantime, learn more about this award-winning attraction on their website at [www.felixstowemuseum.org](http://www.felixstowemuseum.org)



### Landguard Nature Reserve

- a little flavour by Leonie Washington, the Landguard Ranger

Here in Felixstowe we are so very lucky to have the beautiful Landguard Nature Reserve right on our doorstep. Landguard is not only designated as a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) but is also a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), which, is a reflection of its considerable conservation value, specifically areas of vegetated shingle, which is a globally rare and vulnerable habitat and acid grassland that is declining.

One aspect of my role as Ranger is to help maintain the sites condition, which if you are a regular visitor to Landguard you will be quite familiar with the permanent conservation areas, temporary cordons, boardwalks, paths and steps that guide you around the reserve, allowing you to enjoy its beauty without negatively impacting its sensitive features. All these management practices need to be constantly monitored, repaired, and sometimes replaced to ensure that species continue to thrive. For instance, temporary cordons to protect shingle dwelling plants and ground nesting birds are installed with the help of volunteers every year. The cordons help to reduce trampling, therefore enabling plants to recover and recolonise and protect the nests of the Ringed Plover, a species that is particularly threatened by disturbance

and due to their colouring and size can easily be missed. These cordons may need to be moved or extended depending on where the bird's nest and will often need maintenance when posts are damaged or lost.

When Covid-19 first arrived and lockdown was implemented, the reserve was very much valued by locals, who continued to take their daily exercise or walk their dogs. As restrictions were eased visitor numbers grew and continued to rapidly increase as did the temperature! in July and August. Increased visitor pressure has its pros and cons and managing its impact is another aspect of my role. For example, with an increase in visitors comes an increase in waste, which myself and many others diligently try to keep out of our waters and away from wildlife but it also gives me an opportunity to introduce first time visitors to the site and highlight some of its gems like the special plants on the shingle, the array of birds and invertebrates, where to search the shoreline to see marine life at low tide and the amazing views from the rifle butts and Fort.

I feel very privileged to be one of Landguard Nature Reserve's many custodians and get to enjoy it every day. It is a great place to walk, wildlife watch and unwind but don't take my word for it, come, and see for yourself.





# Town Centre Indies



We love our great range of **independent and family-run shops** in Felixstowe Town Centre.

Please continue to support your High Street throughout the Autumn and leading up to the important Christmas period. To give you a flavour, this issue we are taking a tour of the 'northern indies' of Hamilton Road.

Start at the undercover Great Eastern Square. Here you will find the stylish and classic menswear of **Toggs Clothing**; and **Play Exchange** offering toys, games and fancy dress. Walk outside to reach Hamilton Road, where turning left you reach The **Wool Baa**, a great place to stop for a morning coffee and to browse the extensive wool and yarn accessories.



Cross over the road and a short stroll away is the traditional stationers of **Pierrot** established in 1982; and **Nick Barber Auctions** with its unique collectables and memorabilia - from stamps and records to die-cast models. Next up is **142 Hamilton Road**, the town's pop up creative space holding constantly changing exhibitions with fab artwork for sale.

End your tour back across the road at a Felixstowe institution - **Underwood Hardware and DIY Limited**. Established in 1946 they stock an amazing array of useful bits and pieces for both the home and garden.

[www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk/shopping](http://www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk/shopping)

## Felixstowe Photo Competition 2021

The next Felixstowe Photo Competition is now open for entries. You could WIN a prize of £100 to put towards photographic equipment. Open to all ages and abilities with three NEW themes: Young Photographer (open to those aged 16 years and under only); Seashore; and Architecture.

Submit your photograph by emailing [visitfelixstowe@eastssuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:visitfelixstowe@eastssuffolk.gov.uk)  
Closing date for entry is 12pm on Wednesday 24 March 2021. Full details, including terms and conditions at [www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk](http://www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk)



Felixstowe Photo Competition 2020: "Judge's Choice" Winner - Michael Ralph.





# Felixstowe Forward

In Partnership with your local authorities

## Business Support and Development

### East Suffolk Business Festival 2020

Look out for the 2020 East Suffolk Business Festival that is scheduled to take place in November. Last year's event connected many local business support and training agents together through a programme of 28 events supported by a multitude of partners.

Look out for details of the 2020 festival or stay in touch via

Website:

<http://www.eastsuffolkbusinessfestival.org/>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/eastsuffolkmeansbusiness/>

## East Suffolk Means Business

Whatever stage in your business journey, take a look at <https://eastsuffolkmeansbusiness.co.uk> where you can find valuable support and advice. You can also follow East Suffolk Means Business on social media

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EastSuffolkMeansBusiness/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ESMBiz>

## East Suffolk Youth Employment Service

### Supporting Young People During the Pandemic



The East Suffolk Youth Employment Service was launched in November 2019 to provide routes to employment, education and training for young people aged 16-24 in East Suffolk.

Supported by grant funding from Suffolk Public Sector Leaders, Suffolk County Council, and the East Suffolk Partnership; Inspire Suffolk was commissioned to deliver a district-wide service operating from several premises strategically located in East Suffolk.

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic meant that premises had to be closed and Inspire Suffolk needed to re-imagine service delivery that ensured safety whilst maintaining the provision of high-quality support to young people.

The team at Inspire Suffolk turned to traditional telephony as their primary means of engaging with young people and accelerated the development and adoption of digital services to create a bespoke package of support that could address the needs of young people at this difficult time.

Today, young people can meet with an experienced Work Coach through a voice or video call where they can discuss their needs and aspirations.

Their Work Coach will then work with them to provide a tailored package of support that will help them identify and navigate appropriate pathways into employment, education, and/or training.

The recent launch of a brand-new website means that young people can now register for support from their mobile phones or computer, chat to a Work Coach and explore the training and employment opportunities available to them.

Garry Mills, Education Programmes Manager at Inspire Suffolk said that "Inspire Suffolk have seen an unprecedented level of demand for our Youth Employment Service across the East coast of Suffolk, with a 4-fold increase in referrals during the months of June and July. The launch of our new website ([www.yessuffolk.co.uk](http://www.yessuffolk.co.uk)) has been paramount to this increase and has enabled young people to access the service quickly at a time when they need support the most.

With so many young people facing uncertainty and a clear lack of training and employment opportunities, we are calling on all local employers to advertise their vacancies with us for free, so that we can continue to tackle youth unemployment together."

Since launch, the service has engaged with 368 young people, aged 16-24, from across East Suffolk and directly helped 62 young people access education, employment and/or training opportunities.

The ongoing pandemic means that more young people are likely to be concerned about their future and require the support and encouragement to tackle the uncertainty facing them.

Young people aged between 16-24, who are looking for support or just want to chat about their future can talk to the YES team using the contact details below.

Web: [www.yessuffolk.co.uk](http://www.yessuffolk.co.uk)

Telephone: 07590983297

Email: [info@yessuffolk.co.uk](mailto:info@yessuffolk.co.uk)

## Felixstowe Round Up

### South Seafront



Barnes Construction has now started work on a new landmark building in the heart of Felixstowe's south seafront bringing a new, exciting resort experience to the area.



Once completed next summer, this will house The Kitchen @ Martello Park, operated by the Dedham Boathouse Group, offering indoor and outdoor dining with unspoilt sea views.

Cllr Craig Rivett, East Suffolk's cabinet member for Economic Development, said: "Felixstowe is getting national recognition as one of the top seaside destinations in the country and as we hopefully begin to emerge from the coronavirus impact, providing much needed new facilities will be important."

"The striking design of the building is based around strong coastal themes and sympathetically balances its sensitive location, while also being an iconic visual draw to the area. Not only will it provide a new resort experience, attracting both local people and visitors, it will also support economic growth and provide new employment opportunities."

The development is part of a bigger project of ongoing investments in the South Seafront area, where Martello Park has already delivered new homes, a play area and new car parking facilities. The Council has also refurbished the two public shelters on the South Seafront and the long-term maintenance of its historic Martello, which forms the centrepiece of the park.

The £1.5 million project is funded by the Council and the Coastal Communities Fund (CCF) which was launched in 2012 to promote sustainable economic growth and jobs in coastal areas. CCF awarded the Council £950,000 grant funding which enabled the project to go ahead. Additional funding of £30,000 was also awarded from the Coastal Revival Fund.

## Smart Towns

Felixstowe is set to benefit from a project which intends to digitally transform East Suffolk's market towns and help them recover from the impact of Covid-19. The project has been awarded a combined £450,000 in Government funding from two LEP run funding schemes – the Getting Building Fund and the Innovative Projects Fund.



The ambitious project will install digital town technology, such as free to use WiFi and anonymised footfall monitors in Felixstowe. This technology will also be supported by a data driven programme of town and business support to make best use of the new digital

technology and analysis. In addition, the project will deliver the Digital Business 'Springboard'. This innovative business support initiative aims to deliver bespoke digital diagnostics and interventions according to business need. This will operate as a 'business ecosystem', developing creative digital adaptations, expert workshops and digital upskilling of businesses and towns.

Cllr Craig Rivett, Deputy Leader of East Suffolk Council and cabinet member for Economic Development said: "This funding is very welcome news for East Suffolk and for the wider region. Many local businesses have been adversely affected by Covid-19 and the Smart Towns project will help ensure business sustainability during this difficult time. As well as offering free to use WiFi in town centres and footfall monitoring technology to help town councils and business groups improve services, the project will also act as a digital springboard for local businesses, enabling them to maximise the benefits of the digital economy."

Cllr Stephen Burroughes, East Suffolk's cabinet member for Customer Services, Operational Partnerships and Digital Transformation, said: "This is terrific news for the Smart Towns project and will enable the necessary infrastructure to be fully installed in Lowestoft and Felixstowe. We are doing all we can to encourage people back to our high streets and town centres and post Covid-19, there is now more emphasis on digital platforms. We want to help local businesses adapt to this by giving them the tools and support they need to reconnect with their customers, accelerate their recovery and help their business to thrive."

## Re-Opening Felixstowe Safely

Felixstowe Town Council was pleased to work with partners on the re-opening of the town safely which included the Temporary Pedestrianisation of Hamilton Road Shared Space. With traffic restrictions in place people can more easily observe social distancing rules and enjoy a more relaxing culture of shopping, eating and drinking in Felixstowe's Town Centre.



The general public were asked their views on the temporary measures. Over 630 people responded to the online survey and you can view the results using this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-69LDGP3G7/>

To summarise some of the headline results:

- 85% would like to see the Temporary pedestrianisation extended
- 78% agree with the current arrangements
- 75% agree that they feel safer
- 72% would like a permanent pedestrianisation scheme

A business survey was also undertaken to ascertain the views of the businesses on Hamilton Road Shared Space.

- 94% would like to see the Temporary pedestrianisation extended
- 80% agree with the current arrangements
- 80% think their customers feel safer
- 68% would like to see pedestrianisation permanent

You can view the full survey responses at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-MLVZHP3G7/>

Based on these responses an application has been made to Suffolk Highways for an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order to extend the Pedestrianisation for 18 months.

Other re-opening safely measures have included allowing the businesses to 'spill out' along the seafront. Felixstowe Town Council is now asking for your feedback on these measures. Please take five minutes to complete the online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XSD6532>



Felixstowe Town Council will continue to work with businesses and stakeholders to review and adapt measures as appropriate.

## Events and activities on East Suffolk Council Land

We are pleased to inform event organisers that the service for applying to hold an event on East Suffolk Land has reopened. Clearly all events will need to check prevailing government advice, risk assess against COVID19 spread, and have in place contingency plans should government guidance change. We do however want to encourage events back and to help give confidence to event organisers.

The Events Industry Forum has some useful guidance on 'Making Outdoor Event Gatherings Happen Again' alongside useful Coronavirus information and advice. <https://www.eventsindustryforum.co.uk/>

As the world has got used to online virtual meetings event organisers might want to supplement events with an online digital event. Heritage Open Days have a great Beginners Guide to Developing Digital Events.

Please do not hesitate to contact Clare Baker on 01394 444884 (email [clare.baker@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:clare.baker@eastsuffolk.gov.uk)) to discuss your proposed event and provisional dates for 2021.

## #LoveIndependent - Welcome Back



We say it in every edition, but please help support our local independents businesses by spending your pound locally. It really does make a difference.

We are delighted to take this opportunity to wish new businesses in Felixstowe every success in the future:

Scribble Café  
Babyhamperz

and True Potential Wealth Management who are relocating to Orwell Road.

## East Suffolk Community Partnerships



Last year, the East Suffolk Community Partnerships were created to "bring ideas to life" in eight separate partnership groups, covering the whole district. For the

next 3 years, £25,000 per partnership area, will be committed to tackling the priorities that were set at a series of community workshops. In addition, an overarching pot of £150,000 this year and £300,000 for each of the next three years will be available for the partnerships to bid for.

Each partnership had a total of £10,000 to use in the remaining months of last financial year. Reacting to the covid-19 crisis, The Felixstowe Peninsula Community Partnership decided to use their allocation to help combat the crippling effect it was having on its residents. Basic Life charity and FACTS received funding which enabled them to continue helping the shielded and residents on low income. This included the purchase of fuel vouchers, distributed to those most in need.

The Felixstowe Peninsula Community Partnership patch covers 12 parishes and towns. These include Felixstowe, Trimley St. Martin, Trimley St. Mary, Kirton, Falkenham, Levington, Stratton Hall, Nacton, Bucklesham, Newbourne, Hemley and Waldringfield. The Partnership - which is made up of a collective of representatives covering the whole patch - recently met and allocated a further £20,000 to support local projects.

£5,000 was awarded to the Friends of Felixstowe Library in support of their ambitions to enhance the children's section of the library. The project, which has also been awarded £10,000 from Felixstowe Town Council, will see the whole of the children's area refurbished to a modern and inclusive design.

Another £5,000 has been allocated to Felixstowe Academy towards providing a library for their students. Under the previous regime the school library was effectively withdrawn. However, as the new leaders strongly believe in supporting opportunities for reading as a core element of students' learning, the refreshed library will include kindles, tablets and magazines to inspire reading in different ways.

Finally, the Felixstowe Peninsula Community Partnership has introduced a grants scheme with a total pot of £10,000. The scheme is available to statutory, voluntary sector organisations and community groups who are located within the partnership area. The Community Partnership will consider applications and award grant funding that reflects its local priorities; isolation, mental health, obesity, low income and educational attainment.

Mark Jepson, Chair of the Felixstowe Peninsula Community Partnership, comments;

"I am delighted with the approach the Group has taken, supporting young people is key not only to their success but the success of the town in the future."

"The last few months has been incredibly difficult for everyone, I was pleased we are able to support two valuable charities that have been present in the town for a number of years and both provide an outstanding service. We will continue to support them and other charities that operate in and around the area for the foreseeable future, particularly with the risk of further spikes."

## Community Conversations with the Deputy Mayor



Following the success of the Visit Felixstowe campaign we are now moving onto the Community Conversations with the Deputy Mayor Cllr Sharon Harkin.

To date Cllr Harkin has completed Twelve interviews with a variety of community groups and a few more are scheduled.

These organisations are from a range of backgrounds and services for the community.

Those completed so far are as follows:-

Gemma Saxton, Salvation Army  
Lauren Bath, LL Dance and Fitness  
Graham Page, Manager, CAB  
Lee Abbott, Head Teacher, Grange Primary  
Hattie Bennett, Music in Felixstowe  
Tony Allen, Mens Sheds  
Yasmin Barratt, 13yrs, Cakes and Bakes  
Helen Fairweather, CEO Headway  
Richard Holland, Chair, Broadway House  
Francis Cotterill, Wesel Association  
Richard Holland, The Hut  
More to come.....

**If you would like to know more or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us:**  
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**[Felixstowe.forward@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Felixstowe.forward@eastsuffolk.gov.uk)**



## Lions Club Of Felixstowe



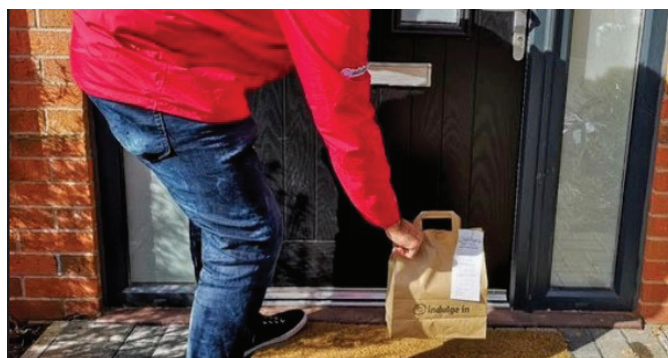
The Lions Club of Felixstowe socially distanced Presidential handover took place on 5th July. Outgoing President John Gooch (right) handed over to incoming President Richard Woolnough (left). Thank you for all your hard work immediate past President John and good luck to President Richard.

Unfortunately, due to the current national situation surrounding the COVID-19 virus, the Lions have had to cancel a lot of their events this year; including our Car Boot Sales, Easter Egg Raffle, Easter Egg Hunt and Triangle Sales. We are hopeful that our Model Exhibition may still go ahead in October.

The President of the Club would like you all to know that we are still able to help anyone in need; we have also donated the Easter Eggs which were for the Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday to Basic Life Charity for their food parcels.

Best wishes to you all and KEEP SAFE

## Felixstowe Helping Hands Update



With the pandemic situation continuously changing FHH has evolved as the rules and guidance dictate. We are now moving into our sixth month and another new phase. We are still providing volunteers to shop for those that can't themselves and have no neighbours or family to help them, we are collecting and delivering medication from all of the pharmacies in Felixstowe and we are providing social friendship calls to those that are lonely and feel isolated. As lockdown eases, we are also seeing several of the new friendships created by the social calls and shopping become face to face meetups in gardens and parks, which is so lovely and will hopefully become a lasting legacy.

Throughout the last 5 months we have worked closely with East Suffolk Council, we took referrals from their Home But Not Alone team but also passed on to them any safeguarding concerns we became aware of through our work in the community. Special thanks to Chloe Lee from East Suffolk Council who has been a key part of the FHH team in her role as liaison between the council and community groups as well as being our safeguarding touchpoint into wider services.

Thank you once again to everyone that has helped and supported FHH since its launch in March. We are all volunteers with families, jobs and other commitments but we, as a team, have achieved so much and helped so many people, everyone involved should feel proud.

## The Laydens Community Café A Better Life for Everyone!



ABLE Felixstowe is the trading name of the Community Interest Company – A Brighter Life for Everyone – which is known as The Laydens. The Not-for-profit Laydens Community Café is situated at 12 Langley Avenue, Felixstowe, just off Grange Road at the Grange Farm Avenue roundabout.

The Community Café is mainly run by volunteers. During its opening hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays to Fridays (other than Bank Holidays) it offers quality breakfasts and lunches as well as snacks and non-alcoholic drinks at very reasonable prices indeed. Service is known for its friendliness and the delicious meals which can be eaten in a 30-seater restaurant (or outside on picnic benches on sunny days). They are cooked in good hygienic conditions in a large kitchen. The kitchen was formerly used for a Meals on Wheels service provided by the Women's Royal Voluntary Service. Free wi-fi is available. It is wheelchair friendly. Nearly 100 customer visits a week were made before the pandemic crisis.

Prices are very reasonable. Popular choices are:

£4.00: All-Day Breakfast of bacon, egg, sausage, tomatoes, potato cubes with a free drink (there are vegetarian options)

£3.75: Jacket Potatoes with cheese and beans or tuna and sweetcorn

Prior to the Covid-19 outbreak, The Laydens also offered free monthly confidential health advice from the Walton Parish Nurses and held popular craft mornings fortnightly. There have also been Sign Language and Spanish Conversation classes held there.

Find us on FaceBook: @thelaydenscommunitycafe

The Laydens can be hired at very reasonable rates for afternoon, evening or weekends. For further information, bookings, and to have a look round, contact: Margaret Morris: 01394 274345 [margaretamorris@hotmail.com](mailto:margaretamorris@hotmail.com)



## Community Grants

After the launch of our streamlined grant application process earlier this year to create a Coronavirus related emergency fund, we are now accepting applications for those other projects that may need a little help at this time. We are particularly interested to hear from any local groups who may have additional expenses either due to social distancing requirements or other new projects or equipment needed.

There was a total of £25,000 available this year and Felixstowe Town Council have awarded £9,481 since the fund was launched on 1 April, with a total of £15,518 still available to apply for.



### Lighthouse



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Felixstowe  
& District

Funds this year have helped many causes including providing materials to sew scrubs, IT equipment for remote working for organisations such as Citizen's Advice and Lighthouse Women's Aid, Good Day calls for Age UK in Felixstowe, grant to enable FACTS to pick up prescriptions and grants to provide outreach packs to families in need.

Any properly constituted group, club or organisation based in Felixstowe and/or operating for the benefit of its residents can apply. Please see our website for details <https://www.felixstowe.gov.uk/grants> If you need help with the application process or to submit your completed application form please contact Debbie Frost [debbie.frost@felixstowe.gov.uk](mailto:debbie.frost@felixstowe.gov.uk) or 01394 288192.

## Important roadworks information

### A14 junction 58, Seven Hills to junction 62, Felixstowe in both directions: resurfacing



Highways England are carrying out essential resurfacing works, between junctions 58 and 62, in

both directions. As part of this work additional maintenance works such as repairs to safety barriers and drainage defects, replacement of road markings and reflective studs, renewing road signs and updating technology assets will also be taking place. The work is planned to complete over 24 weeks starting 10 August.

Due to the extensive amount of work being carried out, this scheme has been split into 9 phases, further details can be found at <https://assets.highwaysengland.co.uk/roads/road-projects/A14+junction+58+to+junction+62/Table+of+works.pdf>

Working hours have recently been adjusted to between 9pm and 5am on weeknights only, subject to weather conditions. This later start time will ensure closure begins once traffic has further reduced.

We thank you for your patience while we carry out these essential maintenance works to the strategic road network on the A14. If you would like to contact us about this scheme, please get in touch with our Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000 or email [info@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:info@highwaysengland.co.uk).

If you wish to keep up to date with our works programme and see diversion maps for each phase, please look on our Highways England website using this address: <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a14-junction-58-to-junction-62-resurfacing-works-in-both-directions>. We will continue to provide updates via the website throughout the duration of these works.

If you wish to be included on our e-mail distribution list of detailed planned roadworks across the East Region, which will provide regular updates about this work, then please contact our East Capital Delivery Team e-mail via [OPSEastCapitalDeliveryTeam@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:OPSEastCapitalDeliveryTeam@highwaysengland.co.uk) detailing your consent to be added to this distribution list.

## Caring is at the heart of everything we do...

Together we *respect*, with *compassion* we care, through *commitment* we achieve



Mill Lane offers specialised nursing care for the elderly and has an enviable reputation in the local community for its high quality care, offering a choice of welcoming reception rooms with attractive patio areas, all available for our residents and their guests to enjoy.

Offers specialised nursing care for the elderly.



Foxgrove is widely regarded as one of Felixstowe's finest care homes. The warm friendly atmosphere and the elegant lounge and dining room at this care home in Felixstowe combine to create a charming environment for our residents.

Provides a high standard of residential care.



Based in Old Felixstowe, Maynell House provides a high standard of residential care. The house is a late Victorian listed building, formerly Felixstowe College, lovingly extended and refurbished to retain its original features, creating a superb home.

Provides a high standard of residential care.



Please do call anytime for further information.



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## Felixstowe hero raises money for the NHS

Felixstowe's Joan Rich raises money for the NHS by walking the pathways of Allenby Park 102 times before her 102nd birthday in September. The gates and railings have been decorated with bunting and posters coloured by children from Fairfield Infant School. Local stores and houses display them too. Let's all support Joan!

As a child, and for more than half her adult life, Joan lived close to an Allenby Park – one in Felixstowe and, in the 1940s, one in Jerusalem. Not just a WW2 veteran, Joan worked for the NHS herself, in Hillingdon Hospital in the 1950s, and from 1964 at Felixstowe General Hospital in the outpatient department, until retiring in 1978.

She remembers retrieving patients from the park. 'Even though they were treated very well,' she says, 'some preferred to be recovering in the lovely park!' Forty-two years later, Joan is marching round it, but without patients: just birds singing, children playing, dog walkers, picnickers relaxing on the grass, footballers, and people exercising. Some, like Joan, have walking aids.

Joan is grateful to everyone who has donated, or simply waved as she walks round.

Donate and catch up with Joan's progress at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Diane-Rich1](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Diane-Rich1)



## Myth and Mischief In Allenby Park: raising money for Suffolk Wildlife Trust

Five local authors celebrate Allenby Park in a book dedicated to Joan Rich. Myth and Mischief in Allenby Park offers four stories, one of them for children, and three poems. Profits go to Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

The cover features a water colour, Allenby Park, by local artist Charles Nightingale, which he gave to Joan on her 100th birthday. The works of fiction, by award-winning Lesley Glaister, Robin Greene, Charles Nightingale, Luke Nightingale and Diane Rich, were inspired by Felixstowe House, which once stood on the Allenby Park site, and by the life of Lord Allenby (1880-1936), Field Marshall Viscount 1st of Megiddo and Felixstowe. Dominique Roche introduces Joan and explore her curious links with two Allenby Parks.

Written before the Covid-19 outbreak, no-one could have predicted that Joan would be a Suffolk hero by the time the book was published. Joan, who worked for many years at Felixstowe General Hospital, is walking the paths of Allenby Park 102 times before her 102nd birthday to raise money for the NHS.

Myth and Mischief in Allenby Park, published locally, is available from Stillwater Books, 36 Hamilton Road, Felixstowe, 01394 548010 • [www.stillwaterfelixstowe.co.uk](http://www.stillwaterfelixstowe.co.uk).

## The Felixstowe and Villages Carers group



The Felixstowe and Villages Carers group meet on the second Monday of each month from 1:00pm until 3:00pm at The Community Hub in Maidstone Road, Felixstowe.

We are a friendly group of family Carers whose aims are to bring local Carers together to share information and experiences in a friendly environment. We provide social activities, speakers

and have occasional visits out for tea and cake. We have a contribution of £3 per meeting which pays our rent with a little left over for speakers and the occasional treat. New members are always welcome.

We have not been able to meet since February and it is as yet unclear when we will be able to meet again. Our usual attendance numbers are about fourteen Carers and many Carers are protecting some very vulnerable people.

While we have been in lockdown some of our members keep in touch with each other by email or mobile phones. About 5 members have joined the art link sessions online.

For further information please contact Dennis Weston, Telephone 01473 832591, or email [dennisweston.49@btinternet.com](mailto:dennisweston.49@btinternet.com)

## Struggling with IT?



During this difficult time, Council's Civic and Community Committee are interested to hear from any community groups, clubs or organisations who are struggling with the technology which would enable their group to meet virtually, especially in the vulnerable 'sheltered' group. We would like to gauge your interest in being supported with IT/basic computer skills which would enable your groups and members to meet online; whether simply to stay in touch, hold meetings or even hold events such as quizzes. For further information please contact Debbie Frost [debbie.frost@felixstowe.gov.uk](mailto:debbie.frost@felixstowe.gov.uk) or 01394 288192.



# FELIXSTOWE REMEMBERS

## VJ Day 15 August 2020

Felixstowe Town Council, the Felixstowe branch of the Royal British Legion and local clergy met on VJ Day for a small socially distanced service held at the Felixstowe War Memorial. It was a very special day for the Felixstowe War Memorial as it also marked its 100 year anniversary of the unveiling of the War Memorial on 15 August 1920.



The service was broadcast on the Royal British Legion website for all those that were unable to attend.

## Red Ensign Day



On 3rd September 2020, the Red Ensign, the UK Merchant Navy's official flag, was raised at Felixstowe Town Hall to celebrate Merchant Navy Day. Since the year 2000, Merchant Navy Day has taken place on 3rd September to honour the brave men and women who helped our country stay afloat during both World Wars.

The flag celebrates our dependence on modern day merchant seafarers who are responsible for over 90% of the UK's imports, including almost half the food we eat, plenty of the fuel we rely on and virtually all the products and goods we tend to take for granted!

## Remembrance 2020

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

This year it is still uncertain how the Remembrance period will be marked as the Church Service and parades as we know them may not be able to be carried out.

Details will be announced soon.

## heritage open days

### This year you can view Heritage Open Days from the comfort of your home!

For the first time, Heritage Open Days have encouraged organisers to hold online events as well as in-person activities. The creativity and enthusiasm of the HODs community knows no bounds. Alongside fascinating virtual tours, expert Q&A sessions and illuminating films, there are some unique behind-the-scenes events at places that are inaccessible to the public.



From the top of St John's Church tower to the basement of Harvest House, the seaside town of Felixstowe offers a rich history and heritage to discover. On Saturday 12 September, Visit Felixstowe will be holding a 'virtual' Heritage Open Days across their social media platforms.

All-new videos have been put together featuring unique tours, stories and information around a selection of key Felixstowe landmarks - from a children's tour of Martello Tower 'P' to Landguard Fort, Felixstowe Museum, Felixstowe Town Hall, Harvest House, Felixstowe and Offshore Radio and the Felixstowe Seafront Gardens.

To see local buildings go to

[www.facebook.com/visitfelixstowe](https://www.facebook.com/visitfelixstowe)

[www.twitter.com/visitfelixstowe](https://www.twitter.com/visitfelixstowe)

[www.youtube.com/channel/UC1YUOTIUBYRz29VZXYsDf0Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1YUOTIUBYRz29VZXYsDf0Q)

Note: all the videos can continued to be viewed after the event on the Visit Felixstowe Youtube Channel.

Or maybe this year you like to go further afield from the comfort of your own home on the Heritage Open days website <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/>



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## Could you Be A School Governor?

School Governors have a varied and important role helping the school run effectively.

They have 3 core functions:



- Planning the strategic direction of the school
- Overseeing financial performance of the school and ensuring money is well spent
- Holding the headteacher or school leadership to account

The governor role is strategic rather than operational. Governors don't get involved with the day to day running of a school, instead supporting and challenging the school's leadership team to drive school improvement.

Governors usually attend around 6 meetings a year. Being a school governor is a commitment and a responsibility but offers you the chance to see first-hand the impact you can make in improving education for children in your community.

Contact your local school to find out more or visit <https://governorsforschools.org.uk/>



## FELIXSTOWE CEMETERY

### Memorial Garden

*A tranquil place, open 365 days a year. A range of commemorative tributes providing a historical focal point for family and friends to remember the lives of those they have lost*



### Granite Plaques

Enduring and prestigious, the plaques form a memorial kerb surrounding the rose gardens and feature thoughtful inscriptions



### Roses

Dedicate a rose bush, tree or shrub in the garden which will be cared for by our on-site gardening team for 10 years

### Benches

Personalised memorial benches are available at various locations and include a plaque of dedication



Langley Avenue, Felixstowe IP11 2ND (vehicle access via Grange Road). For further information and prices please contact Sue on 01394 288191 or email [sue.faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk](mailto:sue.faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk)



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# Felixstowe Town Council Meetings

**Mayor of Felixstowe: Cllr Mark Jepson**

**Deputy Mayor of Felixstowe: Cllr Sharon Harkin**

9 September	Planning & Environment	9.15am
9 September	Full Council	7.30pm
16 September	Civic & Community	7.30pm
23 September	Planning & Environment	9.15am
23 September	Assets & Services	7.30pm
7 October	Planning & Environment	9.15am
7 October	Personnel	6.00pm
21 October	Planning & Environment	9.15am
21 October	Civic & Community	7.30pm
28 October	Finance & Governance	7.30pm
4 November	Planning & Environment	9.15am
11 November	Full Council	7.30pm
18 November	Planning & Environment	9.15am
25 November	Assets & Services	7.30pm
2 December	Planning & Environment	9.15am
9 December	Finance & Governance	7.30pm
16 December	Planning & Environment	9.15am
16 December	Civic & Community	7.30pm

Note: all meetings listed are currently held virtually via Zoom, and are open to the press and public to attend. The link for each meeting can be found on our website, facebook page and twitter. For further information please telephone 01394 282086.

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# Home, But Not Alone

Supporting vulnerable people in Suffolk

Coronavirus Emergency Phoneline

0800 876 6926



The 'Home But Not Alone' service was launched at the beginning of the Covid-19 lockdown period, to help connect people who want to volunteer in their communities with neighbours who are most in need, County wide.

The telephone number for those in genuine need of help, is freephone **0800 876 6926** and is staffed from **9am to 5pm**, seven days a week. The request for help is filtered down to the local communities' officer, to match the request for help with an appropriate offer of support.

In line with changes to Government guidance to those who have been shielding, from 5pm on July 31st the Home But Not Alone phone line will no longer provide:  
Free emergency food deliveries  
Medicine deliveries

Shielded residents in Suffolk have been written to by Government and are aware of these changes.

For the short-term, the team at Home, But Not Alone will still be able to offer help and advice to those most vulnerable in our communities and signpost to neighbourhood or countywide support.

As the Government continue to lift restrictions, especially for those who are shielding, and the levels of COVID-19 continue to fall, the level of support on offer in Suffolk is being reviewed. This may mean that further changes may be announced to the support offered by Home, But Not Alone in the future. However, these services are designed to be reintroduced and stood up once again if there is a significant local outbreak. We will keep you updated on further changes.

Thank you for your support of the Home, But Not Alone service. We are incredibly proud of the fact we have been able to work together to help thousands of people during the most acute challenges of lockdown. This help has been made possible by the hundreds of community and neighbourhood groups in Suffolk and a significant number of volunteers. Thank you Suffolk!

Chloe Lee (Communities Officer for this area) has been working closely with different charities and organisations throughout this time. This has been critical to ensure the community has access to the appropriate support.

Basic Life Charity has been one of those Chloe has been in close contact with. They adapted their Food Bank to adhere to social distancing guidelines and worked alongside FACTS (Community Transport) to deliver essential food supplies to residents who are self-isolating or shielding who have been referred to the Communities team for help. In addition, FACTS have been delivering prescription medication from The Grove Pharmacy to residents aged over 70. This has been a huge help and has alleviated people's worries about being able to access the medicines they need during this time.

The entire district has seen a fantastic community response to the pandemic with groups and action being established quickly to help those most in need. In Felixstowe, Helping Hand's volunteers, led by Town Councillor Darren Aitchison, are a key example of local people going above and beyond to help a neighbour.

The Salvation Army has also provided essential support during this crisis by providing food parcels and hot meals to the most vulnerable. They have also created entertainment packs, delivered toys and outdoor games to families, and run a weekly zoom group for children full of songs, activities and competitions.

Chloe Lee is looking forward to linking back with community groups and organisations, as they prepare for post covid and the 'new normal'. She would like to hear from local groups and clubs on how they are adapting to enable people to pursue their interests and help support each other. If you are working to modify your group or club in line with government guidelines and social distancing, please share your journey to [chloe.lee@eastssuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:chloe.lee@eastssuffolk.gov.uk)



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