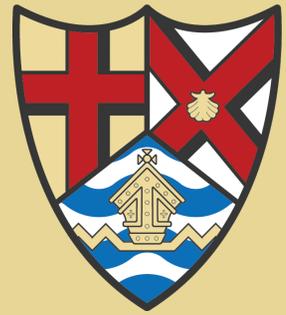


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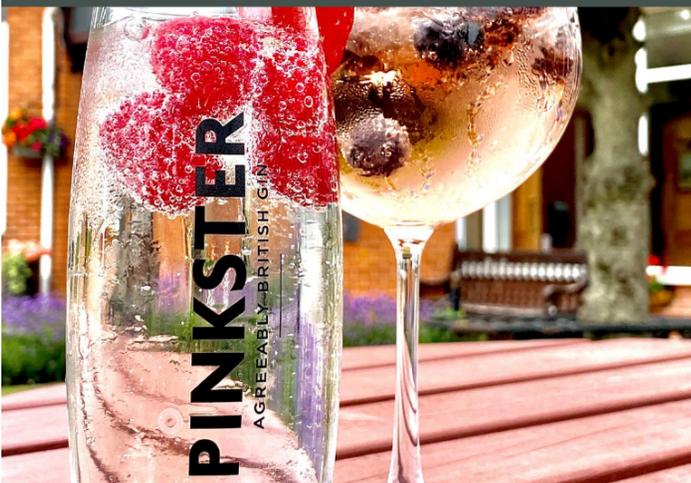


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Hello everyone and welcome to this Spring edition



of the overall bill, so I am pleased that East Suffolk Council announced a freeze to its element of council tax too. With careful budgeting the Town Council's plans to further enhance community facilities, including our parks and play areas, will remain unaffected despite the freeze and we have also been able to set aside additional grant funding to support our community groups through the coronavirus recovery period.

As we start to look forward to the Spring and Summer I am looking forward to visiting and supporting our excellent facilities in Felixstowe. Beach Street at Mannings started operating just before the last lockdown, I was very impressed

how they have improved the site and with sensible rents are attracting and giving new businesses the chance to establish themselves. The new café at the Martello park is also due to open in the summer, East Suffolk Council has submitted plans for a new beach hut village and with their plans for the garden areas this will make this stretch of the promenade very attractive to residents and visitors.

Our shops, restaurants and pubs will really need your help this summer as they start the long road to recovery, please do what you can to support them. It is sad to see some of the large brands move out of the main street, unfortunately this is the national picture, however I have had the privilege of speaking to some highly motivated independent shop keepers over the last few months and I have no doubt they are committed to our town and with your support they will succeed, they really do rely on us to help them achieve that!

I look forward to meeting many of you out and about in the next few months. You may well find me enjoying a cold beer or glass of red wine in one of our excellent local establishments! If so, please say hello, it really has been far too long.

Stay safe, healthy and look after your neighbours and friends.

Mark Jepson

Mayor of Felixstowe 2020/21
Councillor Mark Jepson

Like many of you I listened with interest and anticipation to the Prime Minister's announcements on how the country will emerge from lockdown, it seems sensible that the approach is cautious, the challenges for business have been unprecedented and having to cope with the risk of another lockdown will be too much for some to bear.

Although the winter months were difficult there were some very rewarding experiences, I became one of many volunteers helping at the Grove Medical Centre, volunteers operated both inside and outside the surgery. The collective contribution led to an extremely efficient operation and I know it was appreciated by the fantastic staff at the surgery and those attending for appointments. Thank you to all the volunteers for making the whole experience one to remember. I would also like to thank all other volunteers who have been supporting organisations and friends and neighbours over the last few months, although you may not always receive the recognition you deserve it is the satisfaction that you have made such a valuable contribution to society that counts.

We are all acutely aware of the financial pressure we are facing following a very difficult year, so I was pleased to join my fellow Town Councillors in a unanimous vote to freeze our portion of the local council tax for 2021/22. Of course, the Town Council element is a small proportion (less than 4%)

Take care of your town shop local



To all our volunteers, local organisations, businesses, workers and residents - Felixstowe Town Council says THANK YOU for all that you have done to support our town and keep us going during this pandemic. #lofefelixstowe

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 (Summer, covering June 2021 – September 2021) send it via email to enquiries@felixstowe.gov.uk by Friday 14th May.

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.

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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
- 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 and Felixstowe Forward, 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,
- 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, on-street parking patrolling (Police are responsible for obstruction or illegal on street parking)
- Licensing, Environmental and Port Health
- Leisure services (in conjunction with Places Leisure)

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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

Felixstowe Fairtrade Forum



My name is Robin Pattinson and I am a member of the Felixstowe Fairtrade Forum committee. One of my roles is to advise on the use of the various forms of electronic communication – something that has become even more important over the last year.

I designed and maintain our website at www.felixstowe-fairtrade.org.uk where you can find out about our various activities and what you can do to support Fairtrade in our town. I am also the official photographer for the group.

Physical activities have been severely curtailed this last year but we still keep in touch via Zoom and we are starting to plan for a resumption of events later in the year. One idea is to join with the other eight Fairtrade Towns in the county to organise a 'Suffolk Fairtrade Fortnight' in October when we will re-establish our schools' link to Patrick Kaberia in Kenya.

Please continue to support Fairtrade by buying products carrying the Fairtrade logo. It is even more vital at the current time.



Deben Soundings

This is a collaborative partnership between coastal scientist Helene Burningham (University College London) and visual artist Simon Read (Middlesex University London) that offers a new approach to environmental decision-making. Working alongside the Deben Estuary Partnership (DEP) in the development of a new estuary plan for the Deben, Helene and Simon are developing different approaches to encourage community engagement in the management of the estuary landscape.



The Deben Estuary Partnership have undertaken to review the 2015 estuary plan, as much of what was set out to be achieved in the original plan has been accomplished. But also, a great deal has changed over the intervening years, including access, development, infrastructure, and water management. There is a heightened level of public understanding of estuary systems. More people are aware that climate change is bringing a range of challenges that are likely to increase in the future for coastal communities. We have much better access to information these days, but we also have the opportunity to participate more in the monitoring and management of our environment. A new estuary plan will take into account new ideas and emerging agendas, and our project will collaborate with the DEP in this process.

This project, which is funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council under the Landscape Decisions Programme, is an interdisciplinary partnership that aims to enhance the level of public understanding and engagement with the development and implementation of landscape management policy. For more information about our project, its programme and opportunities to participate go to: <https://debensoundings.wordpress.com>.

Wicker family to return with new addition

This season's willow has been cut, weaving of the new willow family is now well underway and they should be ready to take their places to welcome Spring at the Spa Gardens in Felixstowe.

So many people have been missing "their" family over the Winter but fear not, thanks to funding from Felixstowe Town Council, the Wickers will return!



I have been very fortunate to borrow space at 142 gallery in the centre of Felixstowe to weave as I needed a larger space than usual to build the family and my lockdown lounge isn't nearly big enough!



Mrs Wicker will be showing off the latest addition to her family and as with many families life has moved on but they are still firmly in the late Victorian period in keeping with their surroundings.

I am thrilled to have been asked to recreate the family and hope that 5 years on the new sculptures will be as loved and iconic as the first.

Working with willow is very satisfying making sculptures from a natural sustainable eco friendly material that has been used for centuries. I have used commercially grown willow but also foraged material from the local area.

Tracy Barritt-Brown
Artist and Sculptor



David Button

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Felixstowe NCI is still open for business



As the Spring approaches our dedicated volunteers continue to be busy keeping eyes and ears open for activity on Felixstowe's beaches and inshore waters, helping to keep everyone safe from the dangers of the sea.

Unlike the first national Covid-19 lockdown last year, during this period we have been able to remain open, albeit with single-person working. It is hoped that we can ramp up to two and three-person working again as the disease hopefully subsides over the course of 2021. This situation is subject, of course, to the safety rules set by the government and NCI HQ.

We are also now working to seasonal manning times, opening at 0900 every morning and closing at the slightly later time of 1630 as the days lengthen.

Don't forget to check out our two live webcams accessible from our website at www.coastwatch-felixstowe.co.uk. The website also features useful local tide and weather information as well as more information about the NCI and Felixstowe's station in particular. As usual, water users can call us on radio channel 65 for radio checks and current weather conditions.

Please check out our new fundraising option at www.easyfundraising.org.uk - it's really easy to use and provides us with extra funds at no cost to you when you shop online.

Finally, do pop over to our new FaceBook page @FelixstoweNCI as another way to keep up to date with our activities, and remember to give us a wave when the flag is flying!

Felixstowe Men's Shed

Yet another long period of lockdown has seen Felixstowe Men's Shed (FMS) take another long period of hibernation. Fortunately, weekly Zoom meetings have managed to keep us in contact and help in planning for the future. Still in need of a larger workshop, we are in discussions with various organisations exploring possible solutions but we are not in a position to expand at present. Spirits are still high within FMS as we hopefully move towards an ease of meeting restrictions.

During these torrid times we have all lost dear ones and I would like to pay a tribute to one of our members who has died in January this year. David Austin, aged 85 years young has been a central figure within FMS on several projects. David designed and made the prototype toy engine and carriage, for ten that were made for Ipswich Children's Hospice. The boiler for the engine was cut from his wife's rolling pin and the wheels were from a sliced garden fork handle. The templates were made and resulted in over 400 individual items needed for the project.



The second project involved converting



a day room at the Firs Residential Home for dementia patients, a not-for-profit organisation who sought an Art Deco designed room for residents to meet in. David designed an Art Deco style bar from scratch, even the corridor leading to the room was papered in brick paper to give residents the feel of walking down a

lane to their own bar/meeting room. The room was opened by the Mayor in 2019.

Photo of David is as steward at Art on the Prom in 2018. He will be missed by all who knew him. I can imagine him walking through the Pearly Gates and pausing a moment to see if any remedial work was required.



For further information or to join, email felixstowemensshed@gmail.com

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Easter Egg Hunt

Shine a light on Walton High Street, Felixstowe News and Everything Felixstowe and Beyond are hoping to run the giant Easter Egg hunt that was postponed last year. We will be sending the packs out across the town and bring you a full list of where to get yours from, this is so exciting to be able to bring this competition to the town and villages as it's perfect for families to enjoy while taking exercise if we are still under COVID restrictions. Any money raised will be donated to local groups and support the community.

Keep an eye on our Facebook pages for all the information and direct any questions to us.



Toy box appeal



The Rotary Club of Felixstowe were pleased to receive a certificate from the Kids Out Charity confirming our donation of £200 which purchased 8 Christmas Toy Boxes with all 8 going to children in refuge in the Felixstowe area. Each box contained toys suitable for that child's age group.

Rotary in the East Anglia District raised a total of 550+ boxes.



Felixstowe Children’s Library refurbishment

Over the last 18 months, the Friends of Felixstowe Library have been working with Steph Merrett, Library Manager, to develop and plan a project to refurbish the children’s area of the library. We are delighted that this project is now nearly complete, and the new flooring and installation of fixtures and fittings took place in January while the library was closed due to lockdown. As you will see from the photos, there is a seaside theme, including a new reading den with story wall, a ‘sensory starlight hideaway’, and new fixed shelving. The final part of the project is to add new furniture and mobile shelving and storage.



The Friends of Felixstowe Library would like to sincerely thank Felixstowe Town Council for their very generous contribution to this project which, together with contributions from other funding partners, has made it all possible, also to the Youth Forum for their contribution of a large number Environmental books.



We look forward to welcoming everyone into the bright and new library area, and we hope that the new facilities will be enjoyed by babies, toddlers, children and students. It will provide a super location for the many library events such as the Summer Reading Challenge, which had over 470 participants in 2019.

Following lockdown, Felixstowe library opened up again in early February for a ‘Select and Collect’ Service, and we look forward to fully opening to welcome all our library users again when this is possible. You can reserve books through the online catalogue www.suffolklibraries.co.uk. Don’t forget our e-services, eBooks, eAudiobooks, films, music and courses. You can join online and start borrowing straight away. If you have any queries, please contact us on 01394 330850.

Sarah Wilson, Chair, Friends of Felixstowe Library
Steph Merrett, Felixstowe Library Manager

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Our plans to reopen our Senior Citizens Centre in Orwell Road, continue to be frustrated by the Covid-19 virus and its ever changing impact on all our lives. A safe and secure environment for both visitors and volunteers remains our absolute priority.

Several ideas are being looked at, perhaps firstly restarting by opening for just one or two mornings each week without refreshments, then gradually experimenting with a limited range of refreshments and longer opening times. All will depend on how the Covid-19 situation develops and an effective vaccine and of course the needs and wishes of our volunteers and visitors.

In the meantime, while we are closed, the kitchen has been completely refurbished and other improvements made to the inside of the building.

For more information go to our website - www.fopwa.onesuffolk.net or email to richolland1@btinternet.com

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Music in Felixstowe



Music In Felixstowe has been putting on a selection of professional concerts every week online since last March to bring some light in these dark times. We also put on some live concerts when the first lockdown ended, mostly outdoors, notably on the Millenium Green at Felixstowe Ferry and the bandstand in Elmhurst Park, Woodbridge. These were also streamed online. We also played for care homes in Felixstowe. Since none of this is possible because of the weather in the Autumn, we contacted care homes to suggest they play some of our online performances to their residents.

Unfortunately because of the latest lockdown we were unable to put on our New Years Day concert live, but having pre recorded it just incase, it is available online! Weekly online concerts since then are: a Scottish bagpiper for Burns Night, a string quartet, a flute duo with the amazing Anna Noakes, well known reggae singer Irie J, pianist Paul Turner, a bass player Lewis Braham, a young up and coming rock band Jora and the Fortuneteller, a singalong with the Von Bennetts and towards the end of March, a compilation of all the best bits!

We are intending to resume live concerts as soon as possible, starting with a concert by our Festival Orchestra - "Light at the End of the Tunnel" Also other concerts which had to be cancelled last year.

All concerts so far can be seen for free on the Music in Felixstowe Facebook page and also on our website www.felixstowemusic.com The concerts are advertised to our mailing list. If you would like to be added to the list, either for hand delivery or by email, please let us know. Marsh Cottage, Felixstowe Ferry IP11 9RZ or musicinfelixstowe@gmail.com

Any donations are welcome and we have launched an appeal at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/harriet-bennett-2

We have also received a grant from Felixstowe Town Council. Musicians are suffering so badly just now as all their work has dried up. We are trying to help in a small way.

Photo taken just before lockdown last March.

Hattie Bennett



Felixstowe Book Festival



25-27 June 2021

The organisers of the Felixstowe Book Festival are looking forward to June. Last year, because of Covid, the usual event at the Orwell Hotel became a 'virtual' online festival. The authors were watched by people across the world, and, rather than a few hundred in the audience at The Orwell Hotel, the final viewing figures were in the thousands.

"For 2021 we are planning a blended festival over the weekend of 25-27 June. We will have some socially distanced author events at the Orwell Hotel and we will also have a separate online programme with more authors live streaming interviews from their homes. It will be a great opportunity for local, national and international audiences to join us in real life and online." explained Festival Director, Meg Reid.

Some authors who were unable to come to Felixstowe last year are already booked and others are also keen to come to this popular and friendly seaside festival. The Festival Patrons Esther Freud and Terry Waite will be speaking at The Orwell Hotel. Other speakers already booked to appear live include JoJo Moyes, Liz Trenow, Elly Griffiths and Iain Dale.



JoJo Moyes
credit Stine Heilmann



Iaian Dale

"We are excited to be live streaming two authors direct from their homes in New York, as well as having a full programme of exciting speakers including Carol Drinkwater, talking about her latest novel An Act of Love, Andrew Lownie who wrote the acclaimed biography The Mountbattens, Their Lives and Loves, Helen McCarthy Double Lives, The History of Working Motherhood, and Christopher Tugendhat A History of Britain in Books."

Tickets will be available via www.felixstowebookfestival.co.uk where you can also see a full list of the authors taking part.

WAMfest Felixstowe celebrates International Women's Day

Celebrating women's creativity for International Women's Day was the plan through WAMfest Felixstowe 2021, (Women Arts and Music). But the best laid plans of mice and women were thwarted by COVID 19. However with much determination, resourcefulness, friendships and the support of sponsors, local councillors, a videographer and the Mayor of Felixstowe, the WAM women are pushing back against the barriers. International Women's Day will be celebrated, and the live event will happen, albeit later in the Summer.

Laura Locke, Event Manager of women's events and radio presenter, hatched the idea of a festival to raise the profile of women in the arts, after a conversation during an interview on Felixstowe Radio with Fiona Jessica Wilson and Christina Johnston, two professional singers, of international renown, who reside in the area. It occurred to them that there had never been an event for IWD in Felixstowe, and that it was about time this happened.

This was over a year ago, and feelers were put out for performers, artists, authors and venues to come on board. Felixstowe Forward were approached and enthusiastically offered space in public spaces including the triangle. A team of women friends gathered to co-manage the event and women-managed venues including the Orwell Hotel, 2 Sisters Arts Centre in Trimley, 142 Hamilton Road art gallery, Cuppa Cafe and the Greenhouse Cafe all enthusiastically joined the project. Offers of funding were secured from councillors, sponsors and Felixstowe Town Council and a range of exciting elements were put in place. The plan is to reschedule early in September.

However the weekend of International Womens's Day 5, 6 & 7 March will see some exciting glimmers of the live event. A video taster is being put together by Jon Swallow of Swallow Media featuring some of the performers and art, 142 Hamilton Road is mounting a women's exhibition in their window, and it has just been confirmed that the icon mural created by the very popular Colombian artist Catalina Carvajal will start to take shape in a very pivotal site in Felixstowe to bring colour and positivity to the town centre.

If you would like more information, to participate or support the event please contact the WAM women via Laura Locke through Facebook, or Instagram - WAMfest Felixstowe.

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Felixstowe ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

At the time of writing the article for last year's Spring Newsletter, little did any of us know how the world was to change and the impact COVID would have on us all. One safe haven has been the allotment plots across the town and like so many I have been able to maintain my health and sanity by growing vegetables and flowers, whilst being determined to avoid this dreadful disease. So, with Christmas behind us and all the lovely vegetables that I did pick and eat on that one day of "excess", we look ahead to a new growing season.

I do believe, however, that we must endure the lockdown for several weeks to come, but we have our plots to occupy us. It is also the case we have seen new tenants on the plots with a waiting list now established as the desire to have an allotment grows.

The new seed catalogues and vegetable lists have been carefully examined and new packets of seeds fill my shed already. In fact my tomato seeds and some leek seeds were in the greenhouse a week into the New Year. The tomato tops appearing this very week.

One allotment highlight from last year, which will also brighten this year, was the grape vine. I have but one vine, providing red grapes. One association member has a whole plot of both red and white grapes. One "little helper" can be seen harvesting the crop. My one vine as you can see provided me with a full demi-john of dark red nectar which should provide me six bottles to consume later in the year, hopefully at the summer BBQ held at the Cowpasture allotments. Finally and to close if any of you know any vegetable jokes could you lettuce know!

More information can be found on the web site: Felixstoweallotments.co.uk

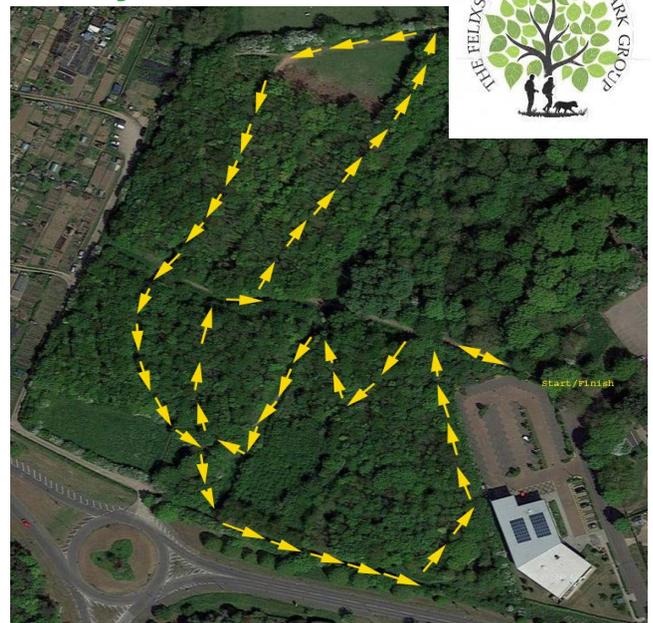
A Self Guided Nature Walk Through Abbey Grove.

Many people walk along the wide tracks in Abbey Grove but this 45 minute walk takes you along the narrow winding paths. Other walks in the area can be found at www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk/the-grove-and-abbey-grove/

1. Park in the Eastward Ho/ Grove carpark. Walk back to the entrance of the car park. Turn right and then immediately left along a track with the medical centre car park on your left towards a gate.
2. Enter Abbey Grove through the kissing gate.
3. Take the 2nd narrow path on your left.
4. Continue to a Hazel fence then turn right.
5. Walk along with the Hazel fence on your left to a T junction.
6. Turn left at the T junction.
7. Take first path on the right.
8. Take the next small path on your right, just before a junction of paths. There is a habitat pile for small mammals on your left.
9. Turn right at the main path.
10. Shortly take a narrow path on your left.
11. This will lead you past a green meadow area on your left.
12. Turn left at the end of the path and walk past two benches.
13. Bear left when you reach a wide path.
14. Continue on this path straight over a crossroads of paths. Continue towards a grassy meadow.
15. Turn left at a small Welcome to Abbey Grove sign, just before the grassy area.
16. Immediately bear right onto a narrow path. Continue on this meandering path with the grassy meadow on your right and a dead hedge on your left.
17. When you meet a wider path turn right towards the hedgerow bordering Grove Road.
18. Turn left at the T junction of paths. Grove Road will be on your right and a row of wild cherry trees on your left.
19. After a while take a left fork in the path. Follow this meandering path to reach a T junction.
20. Turn left and follow this path alongside the medical centre until you return to the main Abbey Grove entrance.
21. Turn right and you will be back at the entrance gate.

Abbey Grove was planted up in 1998 by Felixstowe volunteers of all ages. It is a Woodland Trust Millennium Community Woodland and is still cared for by Felixstowe Volunteers.

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/woods/abbey-grove



Felixstowe Country Park Group are working to enhance and expand these woodland areas and create a network of footpaths reaching out to the surrounding Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The thinking behind a Country Park is to have a large area of unspoilt countryside with good access for people. Much of the land would still be arable or pasture land as now. If you would like to help with caring for Felixstowe's countryside then please contact judithhedges@btopenworld.com.

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Felixstowe in flower

Join in the Fun to make Felixstowe Bloom in 2021

It'll be the 36th Anniversary of Felixstowe in Flower, and we hope it'll be our biggest year yet, like last year we won't be able to celebrate in the usual way with a public launch at the Triangle or an Awards Ceremony. However, we are hoping to break some records with public participation as more than ever the flowers throughout Felixstowe will help brighten up the town, as life hopefully returns to some normality.

Every year floral bedding is provided by Felixstowe Town Council and planted by East Suffolk Norse around the Triangle, and on the Seafront. In June hanging baskets and tubs are erected, sponsored by local people and businesses to bring lots of colour to our town. Last year due to the pandemic, the Town Council contacted all sponsors to advise that plaques recognising 2019 sponsors would be re-installed for 2020 at zero cost and any sponsorship received for 2020 will carry forward to 2021. This year rather than charging a set fee for the baskets, we will be asking for a donation from local businesses who wish to sponsor a basket to enable businesses who have had a tough year to still bring colour to Felixstowe. If you would like to sponsor a basket please contact Sue.faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk or telephone 01394 288191.



Do you have green fingers?

Spring will coincide with the launch of our campaign to help you show off your own floral and environmentally conscious projects. We will be welcoming all manner of photos - from hanging baskets and window boxes to full gardens. Our local businesses will also be joining in the fun. Watch out for announcements via our website, Facebook and Twitter to find out how you can get involved...

Ready, steady... grow!



It's not too early to start preparing your gardens, so be sure to spread the word and look out for further information on our website for colouring/art submissions.



Felixstowe Town Council has four allotment sites, located at:

Cowpasture, Candlet Road, 312 plots

Ferry Road, 94 plots

Railway Hill, Coronation Drive, 44 plots

Taunton Road, 19 plots

A 40% discount on the basic allotment rent is offered to senior citizens or those in receipt of benefits on a single or joint tenancy, provided that at least one tenant qualifies. See our website for more information. A waiting list is in operation with plots expected to become available soon. If you are interested in taking on a plot, please contact our Business Services Officer, Sue Faversham via sue.faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk

Why have 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.

Litter-Free Felixstowe Children's Film Spreading the environmental message



Following the creation of the Litter-Free Felixstowe film for schools, the group has been delighted with the response. Filming took place in various locations across the town with the young volunteers speaking about the environment and why they choose to litter-pick. Jon Swallow of Swallow Media has produced an amazing 7 minute film which together with the two books 'Just One Child' and 'Just One World' and worksheets for KS1 provide a great module for homeschooling. Schools as far away as Leeds have requested to show the film and the books, aimed at 3-8 year olds, were read aloud as part of 'National Story Telling Week'. Debbie Bartlett who has been leading the online educational sessions for pupils said 'The Litter-Free Felixstowe children who took part in our film should be really proud to know they are now inspiring young people in other towns. They were absolutely brilliant during their interviews and really shared their passion for helping wildlife. Other children who have seen the film immediately want to do something to protect the Planet'. The film also shows some beautiful images of Felixstowe including the beach, the Grove and the skatepark with a clever combination of drone footage and action shots. It is hoped that other schools across Felixstowe will also now want to get involved and one Head Teacher has already requested litter-pickers to lend out to pupils. Litter-Free Felixstowe would love to hear from teachers who would like to run the homeschooling module which supports the global citizenship part of the curriculum. In the meantime, other schools from different parts of the country are now requesting the Felixstowe inspired educational film and books. **Well done to all the children who took part.**

Seals on our seashore...

In recent months there have been many sightings of seals in Felixstowe and when on the Reserve I am often asked what the public should do if they find one and who to call if they are worried?

Two species of seal frequent British waters year-round. The Common or Harbour seal (*Phoca vitulina*) and the Grey seal (*Halichoerus grypus*).

The Suffolk Coast is home to both Common and Grey seal and so, it is not unusual to see seals in the water around Felixstowe and on shore particularly during their breeding seasons. The bays created by sea defences such as groynes create sheltered areas and long stretches of beach offer easy access for them to haul out and belly flop on to our shores.

Seals come ashore for various reasons, they naturally spend a lot of time on land, to rest and save energy, to raise their young, digest their food and to shelter but sometimes come ashore when they are sick or injured or when young and separated from their mothers before being fully weaned.

I completed my Marine Mammal Medic training last year and this course provided me with the knowledge and skills required to respond to calls for assistance. Since training there have been several seals observed on the beaches of Felixstowe and here at Landguard Nature Reserve. Some did not require any assistance, but their presence needed to be monitored until they went back into the water to ensure that onlookers did not get too close or dogs too inquisitive. Others, following an assessment needed to be rescued to receive treatment or rehabilitation.



Days after the course, I attended my first call out down at 'The Dip'. This call out was for a female Common seal pup, who presented with multiple wounds to her flippers, a high temperature and rapid breathing and so it was decided to intervene and rescue her.

She was cared for overnight in Ipswich and then transported to RSPCA Mallydams for treatment and rehabilitation before being released back into the wild.



My most recent call out was to a male Grey seal pup by the Port, that was found to be underweight, dehydrated, congested, and had a low body temperature. The animal was rescued, rehydrated by medics, cared for overnight at Landguard, transported to a vet before receiving further care in Ipswich and then taken to RSPCA Stapeley Grange where he is thankfully gaining weight and strength.

Not all seals need rescuing though. Many are found healthy and just hanging around. When this happens, Medics keep an eye on them from a safe distance to make sure they are left undisturbed until they head back out to sea, like this one spotted at Manor Terrace.

Almost all sightings are reported by concerned members of the public, who raise the alarm by informing BDMLR, the Coastguard or Marine and Wildlife Rescue. Without your keen eyes and compassion, many seals would miss out on the care and attention they may need. If they could thank you, they would! I am sure they would say please continue to look out for us.



So, if you encounter a seal on the beach, here is what to do:

- Observe from a distance. If the animal appears thin, is coughing, has a runny nose or injuries, please please do report it!
- If you have a dog, please keep it on a lead. If you see any dogs close by, try to let their owners know so they can also put them safely on a lead.
- Avoid approaching or touching the animal.
- Never pour water over the animal. Unlike dolphins and whales, they do not need to be kept wet.
- To reduce disturbance, please stay quiet and keep your distance.

If you are concerned for the seals wellbeing, please call British Divers Marine Life Rescue (BDMLR) on 01825 765546. Give them as much information as you can about where the animal is located, its approximate size, behaviour and any obvious injuries or health concerns. BDMLR will then arrange for a trained Marine Mammal Medic to attend and assess the health of the animal and then make an informed decision about whether the animal needs assistance or not.

Leonie Washington, Landguard Ranger

Spring Tides can wash up unwanted items on the beach, so please keep your dog safe if you plan to walk there.

If you live near the beach and plan to walk your dog there, please keep your dog on a lead to prevent them from eating anything found on the beach.

There have been reports of palm oil along the Suffolk coast and whilst it is not toxic, it can cause illness in animals if ingested in quantity. Palm oil looks like a white, waxy substance and can be contaminated with fuel waste, bacteria and other toxins.

Dog owners are also reminded to take precautions after recent strong winds led to strandings of marine fauna along the coast. Some stranded species, in particular starfish may contain paralytic shellfish toxins that could be harmful to humans and dogs if consumed.

The Coastguard has advised anyone who believes they have seen the palm oil on the beach to report it to them, where disposal will be arranged as quickly as possible. To do this call 999 and ask for the Coastguard who can arrange quick and safe disposal.





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Put a 'spring' in your Step

Get out for some exercise and fresh air this spring, with plenty of space for everyone.

1. Take a wander in the **Felixstowe Seafront Gardens** amongst the colourful bluebells, crocuses and daffodils. Follow the 'Heritage Trail' to uncover the many historical features, structures, colourful and unusual planting. Further details at www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk/the-seafront-gardens
2. Go on a woodland adventure at **The Grove and Abbey Grove**. Shady paths and tracks wind past a good variety of trees and shrubs. A wonderful home to nesting birds, insects and wildflowers. Check out a series of walks at www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk/attractions
3. Our **fantastic prom** offers both walking and cycling for everyone. Start at Cobbold's Point, then enjoy the sea air, colourful beach huts and maybe an ice cream on your way to finish at Martello Park in the shadow of the historic Martello Tower 'P'.
4. At the **Landguard Nature Reserve**, take your binoculars to spot recent spring bird arrivals, including cute Ringed Plover chicks. Please remember to stay outside any fenced off areas during your visit. Download the reserve leaflet at www.discoverlandguard.org.uk/landguard-nature-reserve
5. Rich history and heritage comes alive on the **'Martello Coast Path'**. The full route (four miles) runs along the entire Felixstowe coastline, or you can explore shorter sections, such as the stretch from idyllic Felixstowe Ferry to Old Felixstowe, passing two imposing Martello Towers.



Get online and discover more...

Have you checked out the **official tourism website** for Felixstowe at www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk? The site has been recently updated with lots of new information, features and pictures to help plan and enjoy Great Days by the Sea.

Alongside sections on our wonderful variety of attractions, events, and places to stay, there is a comprehensive listing of independent shops and places to eat.

You can also download our 'Shop Local' and 'Eat Local' directories for useful links and telephone numbers. Most of our indies now offer online sales, 'click and collect' and home deliveries, so please remember to Love Independent and support your local High Street online too.

So, whether you are a visitor or resident... www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk is your essential guide to the town.

Alongside the website, our popular social media pages on **Facebook** and **Twitter** are the places to be inspired with beautiful pictures from a host of local photographers, latest news, blog posts and special offers from Felixstowe. Make sure you follow us!

www.facebook.com/visitfelixstowe

www.twitter.com/visitfelixstowe

Snap! Felixstowe Photo Competition

Felixstowe is a unique, exciting, and diverse location for photographic opportunities - seaside fun, beautiful gardens, huge container ships, historic buildings, and rich wildlife habitats.

Enter the **Felixstowe Photo Competition** - and you could WIN a prize of £100 to put towards photographic equipment, plus an enlarged copy of your photograph.

Open to all ages and abilities - there are three different competition themes to choose from: Young Photographer (open to those aged 16 years and under); Seashore; and Architecture.

Submit your photograph to the Felixstowe Photo Competition by emailing us at visitfelixstowe@eastssuffolk.gov.uk. Please include your full name, age, a telephone number where we can contact you (if there are any problems) and the theme you would like to enter.

Full details at www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk/features-and-stories/felixstowe-photo-competition

Need some inspiration? Then check out The Winner's Gallery of the Felixstowe Photo Competition 2020 at www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk/felixstowe-photo-competition-2020-the-winners-gallery



Landguard Peninsula

Planning a new Era ... and we need you!

With its rich history and heritage, unique wildlife and attractions... the Landguard Peninsula at Felixstowe in Suffolk is now looking to the future - and we are looking for people to join us on this exciting new journey. Those who know the Landguard Peninsula in Felixstowe may know how this spit of land at the southernmost tip of Suffolk has constantly changed over the centuries. Changed by the elements, nature, and people. One of Suffolk's most unique heritage and wildlife sites is once again contemplating change. Whilst COVID reduced much activity at Landguard last year, behind the scenes, and with support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the organisations that care for Landguard have been zooming away, working together to find the best ways to manage this nationally important place in a new era.

To meet the known, anticipated (and surprise!) challenges and opportunities that will come Landguard's way in the future the partners believe a new Landguard Charitable Trust needs to be established. The Landguard partners are seeking an independent Chair and five independent Trustees to form a new Landguard Charitable Trust. The Trust will work to enhance the Landguard Peninsula including heritage, cultural and environmental benefits, and attract additional resources to realise these intentions.

Project Officer Paul Grant said: "There is a lot going on at Landguard and this is a great opportunity for people with skills, experience, but most importantly the passion to make a difference, shaping and securing Landguard's future."

If you are interested and would like to know more do please get in touch by emailing LandguardEnquiries@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

Experience and skills are particularly sought in developing the visitor experience; marketing/communications/PR; digital/ICT; financial management and control; delivery of large capital projects; building maintenance; understanding of the heritage environment; developing partnerships; managing people; income generation; social enterprise; property law; and risk management.

Chair and Trustee positions are unpaid, but expenses will be available. Applications from people from under-represented groups and young people are particularly welcome.

Closing date: 31 March 2021

Landguard Trustee recruitment promo film: <https://vimeo.com/500632874>



A busy day at the Fort

Here is an entry written by one of our very hands-on volunteers Tony Smith. He wears many hats at the Fort working as a tour guide and at the ticket office as well as maintenance and sits on the history group committee. We asked him to write an account of his typical day as a volunteer. My busy day at the fort starts in the ticket office followed by a guided tour in the afternoon.

I usually arrive first, so I unlock the gates and step into the calm, quiet yet welcoming interior of Landguard Fort. Before everyone arrives, I unlock the rooms which are open to the public, switch off and empty the dehumidifiers (which protect the fabric of the building), switch on the power to the lights and displays and generally check for litter, damage or safety issues which need to be passed on to management.

As the staff and other volunteers are now arriving, and after coffee and a bit of banter, I take my place in the ticket office. I particularly enjoy greeting the visitors to the fort and telling them a little about it - and taking their money, too!



For volunteers working the full day lunch is supplied and hot drinks are available throughout the day. With my stint in the ticket office over, I have a quick read of my guide notes while waiting for the visitors who've booked a tour to arrive. The end of the day involves locking all the rooms, switching off lights and rechecking the fort for any litter or damage. The final job is close and lock the large entrance gates.

There's rarely a dull moment! It's great to go home knowing our visitors have had an enjoyable day out and hopefully found the history of the fort and those who lived in it fascinating.



Felixstowe Forward

In Partnership with your local authorities

New 'Permanent' location for the Visitor Information Service Beach Hut

At the present time there are plans underway for a 'permanent' location for the Visitor Information service with a 'purpose built' Visitor Information Point being constructed on the beach North of the Pier (close to the current beach hut location).

This will be an accessible location, more space and have connection to electricity so can be utilised for many more things including into the evening.

Currently the Visit Felixstowe Visitor Information Beach Huts see thousands of visitors and locals each year which are opened and run by volunteers known as Visit Felixstowe Ambassadors and open 7 days a week when weather allows.

These provide information to visitors when they are in Felixstowe and hold literature on attraction, accommodation, transport, events, tides and much more.

As part of the role as a Visit Felixstowe Ambassador, they are present during event days to assist in promoting what is taking place and where. They are also involved in activities taking place in and around the site such as the #2minutebeachclean @2minbeachclean where we are very proud to say that we were the first site on the East Coast to have this facility. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact Clare.Baker@eastsoffolk.gov.uk

In the current location as part of being a Blue Flag and Seaside Award destination, a requirement is for various workshops and educational activities to take place during the bathing water season <https://www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk/blue-flag-flies-again-at-felixstowe/>

Throughout the year the Visit Felixstowe Ambassador will gather statistics on the visitor profile for future marketing and funding applications such as where visitors are coming from, how long they are staying and whether they have visited before etc.



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The Kitchen @ Martello Park - Build update

The Kitchen @ Martello Park is still progressing well, despite the current situation. Roof insulation is being installed and external roof tiling will start later this month with a view to completion of the roof (topping out) in March, weather permitting. We are still receiving positive feedback which is great. The project is on time and on budget which is also good news.



Proposals for a new 'beach village' on Felixstowe's South Seafront.

East Suffolk Council is looking to improve the beach hut experience in Felixstowe and launched a public consultation to enable local people to view and comment on proposals for a new 'beach village' on the South Seafront. Due to the continuing challenges of Covid-19, the consultation has been taking place online until 5pm on 12 March 2021, during which time people can view the proposed plans at www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/felixstowe-beach-village-consultation/

The proposals include 5 accessible, purpose-built pods, 25 tradition huts and a new public convenience block with Changing Places facilities. The existing trim trial will be moved to the current volleyball site, which will be re-landscaped and made into an activity park. As part of this, the existing equipment will be upgraded and additional facilities installed, including concrete table tennis tables, a petanque piste, accessible picnic benches, chess tables and outdoor space for workouts.

The aim of the project is to create accessible facilities that enables families and groups to enjoy everything the beach and town has to offer by hiring a beach hut for a day, or longer, as well as improving facilities for local people and visitors alike with the addition of new public conveniences and an activity park.

Cllr Craig Rivett, East Suffolk's Deputy Leader and cabinet member for Economic Development said: "Like towns across the country, Felixstowe has struggled during the pandemic with more people staying at home and less visitors to the town. However, we're confident that we have a bright future ahead and we're committed to increasing the tourism opportunities and facilities in Felixstowe to attract both local people and visitors, supporting economic growth and providing new employment opportunities."

"The South Seafront has undergone significant redevelopment in recent years and East Suffolk Council has invested a lot in revitalising the area. We believe it is vital that we continue to build on this investment and create developments that benefits local businesses and people as well as visitors to the area."

We would like to hear people's views on the proposals as well as ideas for a name for the new site, which currently has a working title of 'The Beach Village'.

All comments and suggestions can be emailed to

leisure@eastsoffolk.gov.uk





Next Steps...

In November 2020 Felixstowe businesses voted yes to the introduction of a Business Improvement District (BID) in Felixstowe.

This is an opportunity to see Felixstowe Town Centre and Seafront realise its potential with over £600k investment over 5 years to shape the future.

Over 300 BIDs have been set up in the UK, all investing in their local priorities. BIDs are financed and controlled by businesses within the BID area and deliver additional projects and services over and above those already provided by public bodies.

So, what are those local priorities here in Felixstowe?

The Felixstowe BID plan sets out three key priorities that local businesses have said the BID must address:

- Local and Visitor Marketing and Promotion
- Wayfinding and Access (the link between the Town Centre and Seafront)
- Business Support

Within each there is scope to develop projects that deliver the required outcomes.

Between now, and April 1st when the BID will start, work is ongoing by the BID Task group, a group of volunteers from the business community to:

- Legally register and set up the Felixstowe BID Company – an independent, not for profit company, limited by guarantee.
- Establish an Interim Board of voluntary directors composed to reflect the make-up of the BID Area in business sectoral terms.
- Recruit a BID Manager.

The Board of Directors will be directly accountable to BID levy payers for:

- Effective delivery of the projects and services as set out in the BID business plan.
- Upholding and promoting the BIDs vision and objectives.

Most importantly the Task Group will scope out projects to deliver the three priorities. Post COVID-19, the town must respond to the economic impact by marketing Felixstowe and delivering a great experience for visitors. Implementing the Business Plan will assist in this and with other investment make Felixstowe a great place to visit and do business.

Call to action:

We would like to hear from any levy paying business within the BID area (Town Centre and Seafront) who would like to know more about how they can be involved?

The full business plan can be viewed at <https://felixstowebid.co.uk/>.

Please contact Helen Greengrass on 07717 150993 / email helen@felixstowebid.co.uk

Hamilton Road, Felixstowe - notification of proposal to make experimental change permanent

The experimental changes made to Hamilton Road in the Summer of 2020, closing the road to motorised traffic (with a small number of exemptions) between 10:00 and 16:00, were implemented to allow shoppers to maintain social distancing. During this time, a public survey took place to gather responses to the new arrangements. Suffolk County Council have received an overall favourable response to the trial with 85.3% of respondents stating the scheme was working well or very well and only 8.8% that the scheme was not working well or not working at all (responses to 11 Jan 2021). In light of the favourable response to the changes made to Hamilton Road, the proposal is that the changes are made permanent. The aim, on the Shared Space part of Hamilton Road, is to create a more accessible space for pedestrians and cyclists which is free of motorised vehicles. It is also hoped pedestrians and local businesses will benefit from more space for shopping and sitting outside to eat, drink and relax.

Following the response to the trial, Suffolk County Council would like to hear your feedback on making a permanent change to Hamilton Road in Felixstowe. This is your opportunity to make a formal representation in support of, to suggest changes or to object to the proposal go to

www.suffolk.gov.uk/hamilton-road-in-felixstowe/

All comments must be received by the survey's current **close date of 9am on Friday 19th March 2021**. All views will be taken into account when deciding upon future actions.

If you would prefer to fill in a hard copy version of a survey contact

transport.schemes@suffolk.gov.uk or telephone: 0345 606 6171



COMMUNITY TESTING

How to get tested for Covid-19 if you cannot work from home



What is community testing?
If you cannot work from home, and have to go into a place of work, you can get a free test through new community testing available in Suffolk. This will help to prevent people who do not have symptoms from spreading Covid-19 to other people without knowing.



Who is it for?
Anyone without Covid-19 symptoms can get tested. It is aimed at people who cannot stay at home during lockdown due to work commitments. This includes people who work in roles such as: education and childcare, food production, manufacturing, transport, factories, construction, engineering etc.



Why should I get tested if I don't have symptoms?
1 in 3 people with the coronavirus do not show any symptoms. Through community testing, we can quickly identify those who unknowingly have Covid-19 and stop the spread of the virus to other people.



What does the test involve?
Community testing uses a new test known as a Lateral Flow Test. These are processed at the centre where you take the test, instead of being sent away. The test involves a simple swab taken from the throat and nose. Results will be processed and sent to you within 1 hour.



What does the test show?
If you test positive, you must go home and self-isolate for 10 days. Financial support is available in some cases from the local authority you pay Council Tax to. If you test negative, you do not need to self-isolate but it is recommended to repeat the test in a few days as the level of the virus in your body may have increased, or you may have been infected since your last test.



How do I get a test?
The first three test centres are in Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds and Lowestoft. More centres will open across the county during February. Find your nearest centre and book an appointment online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-asymptomatic-testing/ or by calling 0333 772 6144.

SUFFOLK NEEDS YOU
Find out more at www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19


Ready, steady, census

Households across Felixstowe will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021.

The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

“A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed,” Iain Bell, Deputy National Statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said.

“This could mean things like doctors’ surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That’s why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them.”

Census day will be on March 21, but households across the country will receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March.

The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the Armed Forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

For more information, visit census.gov.uk.



Find out more at www.census.gov.uk
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Women’s Tour Postponed

Organisers of the Women’s Tour, SweetSpot Group, have announced that the upcoming edition of the race scheduled for 7 to 12 June 2021 will be postponed owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. SweetSpot are working with the UCI and British Cycling to re-arrange the Women’s Tour for later in 2021 and have requested alternate race dates of Monday 4 to Saturday 9 October from the sport’s governing body.

The Women’s Tour, which forms a part of the prestigious UCI Women’s WorldTour, will start in in Oxfordshire at Bicester and finish with a stage from Haverhill to Felixstowe in Suffolk. SweetSpot are working with all the regional stakeholders in the 2021 Women’s Tour to accommodate them within the re-arranged race.

STAGE ROUTE AND TIMETABLES



Full route details – including our interactive maps – and stage timetables will be published in due course.

The postponement follows the exciting news at the start of February that organisers SweetSpot are working with Eurosport and the Global Cycling Network to produce live TV coverage of the race for the first time in 2021. The Women’s Tour continues to look for a headline sponsor for 2021 and beyond. With cycling enjoying a boom in the UK, and hundreds of thousands of new and returning cyclists taking to two wheels, partnership opportunities for brands looking to target a healthy national audience and to be associated with the world’s leading women’s professional cycling race are available at all levels and on a regional level to support individual stages. For more information go to www.womenstour.co.uk



Girl Guides on Zoom



Girlguiding's aim throughout this difficult time has been to support leaders and parents to keep girls entertained, learning new things, and having fun. During lockdown Girlguiding released a whole range of activities, games and challenges that can be used in both virtual and in face-to-face

unit meetings, or by girls on their own at home.

Girlguiding's #Adventuresathome hub has a selection of activities from the Girlguiding programme which were released throughout March - June last year. These activities were selected for girls to easily do on their own or with family at home and to support virtual guiding.

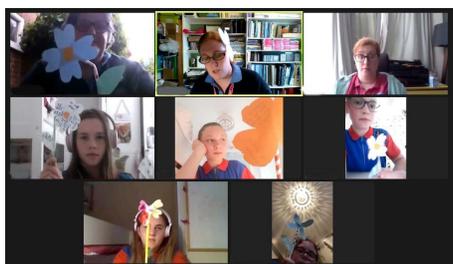
Girlguiding has worked hard to get Units back to face-to-face meetings once restrictions were lifted. From September, Units could meet outside and then were able to meet inside provided we followed Government guidelines. Not all Units have been able to meet face-to-face, so Units have increasingly moved to virtual meetings, so that they can still offer the Girlguiding experience in a safe manner.

In Colneis Division, we have 13 Units of which half are still meeting, mostly virtually, and helping keep a sense of normality going for the girls and the leaders.

If anyone has a girl who would like to join a unit or is in guiding and wishes to join in with a virtual meeting, please visit our website <https://colneisdivision.wixsite.com/girlguidingcolneis> or email colneisdivision@gmail.com.

To view the resources or register your interest in Guiding please visit

www.girlguiding.org.uk



Rotarians plant thousands of purple crocuses in Felixstowe

The Rotary Club of Felixstowe Landguard were busy last October planting 7,000 purple crocuses at Colneis and Causton Junior Schools.

Jim Peek, President of the Club, said, "We eagerly await to see the crocuses in flower and to tell the children and the people of Felixstowe about the Rotary campaign to rid the world of Polio".

The campaign has been a great success. When it began in 1985 there were 125 countries with Polio. Today there are only two countries left: Pakistan and Afghanistan. To finish the job over 2 billion doses of oral vaccine still have to be administered to more than 400 million children in over 50 countries, each and every year. Each time a child receives their life saving polio drops their little finger is painted with a purple dye. This is why we plant purple crocuses in our 'End Polio Now' campaign.



Look out for the purple crocuses. Felixstowe School also planted 1,000 crocuses. Previous years' plantings can be seen in the Spa Gardens, Snow Hill and Langer Primary School. Look out for the beautiful crocuses and some new signs explaining why they have been planted.

If a school or community group would like to hear more about 'End Polio Now', or would like to help plant crocuses this autumn, or to find out more about Rotary in Felixstowe, then please contact our Club Secretary, Brian Davies, Rotary Club of Felixstowe Landguard,

landguardsecretary@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01394 278942



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



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During the current restrictions that are in place, our thoughts have turned to how we can build further links with our local communities. We were delighted to receive some grant funding from the Felixstowe Peninsula Community Partnership to allow us to launch a Community Connections project in the Spring. This is a project that will enable our children to write (or for our younger children, draw pictures) to members of our local community who may find themselves isolated. The last year has really brought it home how much we need contact with other people, and particularly how isolating periods of lockdown have been.

Once the letter has been received by individuals, they will have the opportunity to correspond back to the child who initially wrote to them, the aim is to continue this communication, possibly even resulting in invites into our schools, when the current situation allows. Not only will it provide a valuable link to those members of our community who really need it, it also helps our children to understand and live some of our key school values, such as compassion and respect. We want our children to grow into positive community citizens and this project will help us with these aims. Our thanks to the Felixstowe Peninsula Community Partnership for the financial support in helping to get this project off the ground and to Felixstowe Helping Hands who are linking with us in this venture.



Mark Girling
Headteacher

Felixstowe International College

Felixstowe International College is a multi-cultural school where students from diverse national backgrounds learn together. Our Sociology teacher, Mr Yun, from South Korea, recently started a Korean Club, supported by the Embassy of South Korea in the UK.

Several English and Chinese students are enrolled, supported by their South Korean peers. They have learnt the alphabets and discovered why Korean is known as one of the most scientific languages in the world. They also experience the very different oriental culture of South Korea.

One of the most enjoyable sessions was cooking Korean food called 'kimbab', which is rolled rice covered with dried seaweed, with sausage, carrot, fried egg, tuna and pickled radish, paired with 'ramyon', a type of noodles.

During Korean Harvest Festival week (Chuseok) they played traditional family games, with materials provided by the Korean Embassy. 'Jegi chagi' involves players kicking a paper 'jegi' into the air to keep it aloft. The winner kicked their jegi upwards three times without it dropping.

Korean Club has also been corresponding with an English Club in a secondary school in South Korea, by sending each other video clips. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about people on the opposite side of the globe, by building friendships.

The Korean Club is an extracurricular activity at FIC and open to any local students who are interested in learning about the culture and language of South Korea.

Please contact the school office if you would like to join.



Grange Community Primary School



I think it is fair to say that this isn't the year we would have chosen for our children in our school communities but what an opportunity it has been for the world to see how fantastic young people and school staff can be. This lockdown has been very different. Not only do we have more children of key workers attending; we also have more children who find it difficult to learn at home. That means we have had around 25% of our children learning in school during this lockdown; significantly more than last year.

As a result, the brilliant teaching and support staff at Grange are asked to teach children in the classroom while also preparing and providing lessons for the children at home to complete online; a challenge they weren't even considering a year ago and one teaching professionals certainly aren't trained to deliver. But deliver they have!

We aim to provide a learning experience for our home learners that closely matches the wide curriculum we provide in school, so that we can continue learning together when the lockdown ends. We have seen wonderful results when the children share their learning with us each day with examples of learning ranging from Physical Education to Maths, RE to English. We use a computer platform called Class Dojo which, as well as being a platform on which to teach and learn, also provides a messaging service for teachers to provide feedback and support the children (and parents) in the learning.

Here is an example of Ryan's (Year 5) learning from his space project which illustrates his creative thinking and hard work. It is the International Space Station. This is also an excellent example of the support parents are giving to their children. Again, nobody would have been expecting to become teachers in their own home just a year ago. We, as teachers, admire what you are doing and thank you for your efforts.



At Grange, like many of the schools in Felixstowe, we have been providing the family support our school communities need, especially when so many other services are not able to offer support. Through the term, our Inclusion Team has worked relentlessly to make sure our families have access to the internet for home learning and food for their children. Before the Government decided to provide food vouchers, we issued lunch vouchers and food parcels from Morrison's supermarket, as well as gift parcels from the Salvation Army over Christmas.

We are not certain how long the lockdown will last but we all know we are nearing a bright future for our children. I am hopeful that school's will be recognised for the vital role they play in communities.

Lee Abbott – Headteacher, Grange Community Primary School.



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SET Maidstone & Causton School has been busy continuing to provide structured school days via Remote Learning, since our return at the start of the year.

The beginning of March has turned our thoughts to something that we can all look forward to – SET Causton School will be **70 years old** in the Autumn, so we'd like to celebrate this!

We would love to hear from anyone who attended this school. Do you remember Causton School opening, or were you one of the first children to attend the new school?



Press cutting from the school's 50th anniversary in 2001

If you have memories of the school to share and hopefully photographs too, please contact marketing@seckford-foundation.org.uk or message us via our Facebook page @SETMandC

We will be creating three outside murals using mosaics on the theme of 'enjoy achieve thrive' to put up on the ends of the corridors in the playground to celebrate the occasion.

If you are interested in a place at SET Maidstone & Causton School and would like to see how we can make a difference to your child's future, email us at maidstoneadmin@maidstoneandcauston.org for more information or to register your interest in our next open event.

Lucy Thompson; Head of School



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Langer Primary Academy



This latest period of lockdown has been a difficult time for so many people. Just when we thought things were beginning to get back to normal, we have had to dig deeper, find those extra reserves and keep going. At Langer Academy, the wonderful staff team have been busy pulling out all the stops to help children and families through the challenges of this latest lockdown.

Learning at home, (or remote learning) has been so much smoother this time round because of the amazing staff team and the strong partnership between home and school. Staff have certainly gone the extra mile to make sure that parents, carers and children have what they need to make learning at home as enriching and enjoyable as it can be. Children are really positive about live lessons, one year 3 pupil told us "having live lessons is good because we get to see and talk to our friends and teachers everyday."

Early on, the staff recognised that some families did not have a laptop, computer or i-pad so that their children could log on to learn on-line. Sometimes it was simply down to the fact that there were competing demands on devices from brothers and sisters. Since the beginning of this latest lockdown, 51 devices have been made available to children. As one parent said "the school even provided us with a laptop for each of my children, can not fault the school at all, they have been absolutely brilliant and made this lockdown so much easier."

Although the school building remains closed to many children, a third, including the children of critical workers, are attending live lessons on-site every day. Three times a day, children learning on-site and at home are taught together in live lessons. This gives children a chance to say 'Hi' to their friends even though it can be a technical challenge for their teachers! Whether learning in school or at home, the teachers are keeping the children very much on their toes! For example, last week Donaldson class (Reception and Year 1 children) learnt how to make playground in their first online lesson on 'Fun Friday' whilst wearing their fun clothes.



Sadly, those learning at home have not been able to take part in Langer's now famous Beach Academy! Each week, classes visit the beach and have lessons linked to learning about the beach environment. These can range from science (studying habitats or the water cycle) to art (making beach art pictures in the sand) and even geography (learning about the physical and human features of the local coastline). Judging by the smiles in this photograph, these weekly events are enjoyable as well as memorable. The children and their teachers can't wait for everyone to be able to enjoy the beach once again!

None of these amazing learning opportunities would be of benefit to the children if they didn't attend school. Impressively, throughout this difficult period, attendance at Langer has been excellent. Out of the 133 pupils on role, 98% are accessing either on-site provision or remote learning. A very small number of children learning at home receive physical packs of work delivered to their homes. Staff make sure that everyone is included and no one is left out.

The team at Langer is very aware that learning doesn't take place when children or their parents and carers have concerns or worries that get in the way. Which is why the wonderful Home Visits team is there to deliver reading books, resources and even treats, but above all else to have a socially-distanced chat with families to keep the links between home and school going during this time that we're apart.

Martha Hughes
Headteacher at Langer Primary Academy

Wilding the Lily Pond. Spa Gardens Let us know your views.....

The Town Council is seeking your views on a proposal by a local group to 'rewild' the lily pond. The Lily pond, situated in the Spa Gardens under the shadow of Harvest House is potentially an excellent one for wildlife. It is easily accessed by amphibians being sunk into a grassy, flat area. The water appears to be good quality, its source being a spring in the adjacent cliff. The water moves slowly through the pond exiting at the side nearest the sea. It used to be inhabited by a large number of frogs, but recently this is not so/or the number is greatly diminished.



The pond is overtaken by blanket weed in the summer. There are few water plants to provide shade and protection to wildlife in the pond so that amphibians using the pond are very vulnerable to predation. The lack of shade also allows the whole pond to be taken over by invasive blanket weed during the summer. In planting the Lily Pond with British Native species, it will reduce the risk of allelopathy where toxins produced by one plant inhibit the growth of others. The plants that would be used will have been proven to attract frogs, newts, butterflies, bees and dragonflies.

The Town Council will consider any feedback on this proposal before making a recommendation to East Suffolk Council on whether the lily pond

Felixstowe – Defibrillator vandalised

Police are appealing for witnesses after a defibrillator cabinet was vandalised in Felixstowe. The incident occurred on Thursday 11 February, to the unit outside the public toilets in Sea Road.

The cabinet lens was cracked, which is suspected to have been caused by somebody hitting it. This is the third time in two years the unit has sustained damage – on the previous occasion in October last year the glass front was smashed.

Any witnesses, or anyone with information about this incident, is asked to contact the Crime Coordination Centre, quoting reference: 7137/21
Website – www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/existing-report-update
Email – Sally.King@suffolk.pnn.police.uk
Phone – Call 101

Alternatively, contact the independent charity Crimestoppers 100% anonymously on 0800 555 111, or via their online form: www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Felixstowe Town Council thanks Marketing Force for their help in repairing the defibrillator cabinet after the last two attacks.

There are 12 Community Public Access Defibrillators in Felixstowe at last count .

When someone in the area calls 999 and describes Cardiac Arrest type symptoms, the operator will automatically give the caller directions to the nearest Defibrillator and give them the code to unlock the cabinet. Operators are trained in talking a caller through the process of using CPR and a Defibrillator.

These Defibrillators are considered most suitable for lay users. Operation involves just two steps : 1) Turn ON. 2) Stick the Pads on patient's chest as per diagram. It then does the rest – automatically – It decides IF to shock, WHEN to shock and at WHAT POWER to shock at for best results. It also 'talks' the user through the whole process. Go online to see a demonstration at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3uhZPzvyu10>.

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should be permitted to become 'wild' or continue to be formally maintained with the remainder of the spa gardens. Please email your views to enquiries@felixstowe.gov.uk by the end of March.

The following are suggestions to improve the wildlife in the pond:

- Suppression of blanket weed.
- Planting of indigenous water plants within the pond, for example native waterlily, water hawthorn, peppermint to shade the pond from the sun and to provide shelter for wildlife.
- Planting of surrounding areas of the pond to provide protection for amphibians. The use of native damp-loving plants around the margins should be considered.
- Stocking of the pond with spawn and tadpoles of frogs and toads to ensure a widespread DNA as the pond is isolated and is unlikely to be naturally stocked.

This project would provide an excellent way of introducing local school students and adults to science and art based activities.

As part of the project, and in order to gain funding, we are seeking views of the local community, please email enquiries@felixstowe.gov.uk with any ideas or comments that you would like to make.

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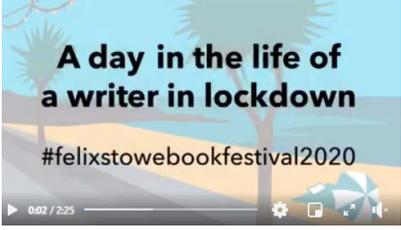
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Community Grants now available

Calling all local Community Groups...

This year there will be two rounds of Occasional Grant applications for those charities and local groups looking for funding for equipment or a project which will benefit the residents of Felixstowe. The total fund of £25,000, will have two closing dates **31 May** and **30 November**.

This past year a total of 34 community groups have been helped by our Occasional Grant, Coronavirus Grant and Annual Grant scheme. Here are just a few of those that we have recently helped:

<p>Felixstowe & Corinthians Cricket Club Replacement netting.</p> 	<p>Felixstowe Book Festival Towards a virtual online festival June 2020.</p> 	<p>Landguard Fort - project DRIVE which aims to enhance the visitor experience for all persons with physical disabilities, and for volunteers also facing mobility challenges.</p> 
<p>Suffolk Mind Telephone support service for those struggling with mental health in Felixstowe.</p>  <p>Furloughed? If your mental health has been affected Suffolk Work Well can help you by phone, email and video calls.</p>	<p>FACTS - To support transport to medical appointments and picking up prescriptions during lockdown</p> 	<p>Rural Coffee Caravan - Cooking with Kindness project providing slow cookers for families in Felixstowe.</p> 

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 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 or 01394 288192.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a planning charge, introduced by the Planning Act 2008 as a tool for local authorities in England and Wales to help deliver infrastructure to support the development of their area. It came into force on 6 April 2010 through the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010.

85% of the CIL payments are retained by East Suffolk Council, but the remaining 15% is passed to the Town Council to support local eligible projects.

The CIL funding received by the Town Council has to be within 5 years of receipt. Previous projects which have been enabled by CIL funds include the enhancement of three play areas in the town.

The Town Council is now exploring ideas for what the current CIL pot (just over £50,000) could be put towards over the next few years. Ideas so far are as follows:

- Town Centre improvement at the Triangle.
- New Walking/Cycling facilities.
- Play area improvements at Seaton Road, Recreation Lane & Langer Parks.
- Seafront 'Active Zone' enhancement (Trim Trail).
- Open space improvements.
- Seafront lighting scheme enhancement.
- Public art/sculpture.
- Improvements to Gulpher Pond area.
- Improvements for the Grove woodland.
- Upgrade of the Skateboard park.

The guidance shown at <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Planning/Community-Infrastructure-Levy/Parish-Support/CIL-Parish-Guidance.pdf> details the process of payments made to Parish/Town Councils and what it can be spent on.

We would like to hear from anyone who has a good idea of infrastructure improvements to our Town, please email enquiries@felixstowe.gov.uk

Civic Awards

Special contributions to the community made by individuals, young people and organisations are recognised by the Town Council at its annual Civic Awards evening, traditionally held in May.

Last year, awards were hand delivered at a safe distance by the Mayor. The photograph to the left is of Guy Comber who was awarded the HMS Ganges Youth Trophy last year.



Due to Covid restrictions this year, we will be moving the Civic Awards Ceremony to later in the year when we can appropriately celebrate those in our community who have voluntarily gone the extra mile to support others and make a difference to life in Felixstowe.

At the event several awards will be presented:

Mayor's Awards: Presented to up to 5 local people for their personal contribution to the community.

HMS Ganges Youth Trophy: Presented to a local young person (aged 21 or younger) or organisation supporting young people in Felixstowe.

The Community Award: Presented to recognise the contribution to the community by a local organisation. All of us who your community heroes have been over the past year and nominate (form below) them for a Mayor's Award

Nomination forms are available from felixstowe.gov.uk/civic-awards or by telephoning 01394 288193.

All entries must be completed and returned to Lorna Monsen, Mayor's Secretary, Felixstowe Town Council, Town Hall, Felixstowe IP11 2AG or email Lorna.Monsen@felixstowe.gov.uk.

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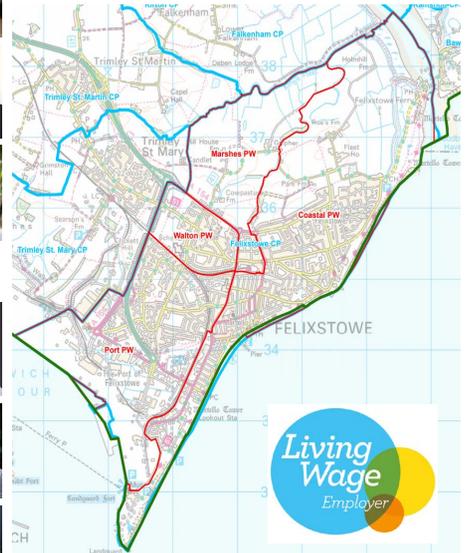
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Felixstowe Town Council Meetings

Mayor of Felixstowe: Cllr Mark Jepson
Deputy Mayor of Felixstowe: Cllr Sharon Harkin

10 March	Planning & Environment	9.15am
10 March	Full Council	7.30pm
24 March	Planning & Environment	9.15am
24 March	Finance & Governance	7.30pm
7 April	Planning & Environment	9.15am
21 April	Planning & Environment	9.15am
21 April	Civic & Community	7.30pm
28 April	Assets & Services	7.30pm
5 May	Planning & Environment	9.15am
12 May *	Annual Town Meeting	7pm
19 May *	Annual Council Meeting	7pm
26 May	Planning & Environment	9.15am
26 May	Finance & Governance	7.30pm
9 June	Planning & Environment	9.15am
9 June	Full Council	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.

*Date subject to change, please check on our website

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Roadmap out of Lockdown

From 8 March, coronavirus restrictions will begin to lift as the government's four-step roadmap aims to take us back to a more normal life

STEP 1 8 March 29 March	STEP 2 No earlier than 12 April At least 5 weeks after Step 1	STEP 3 No earlier than 17 May At least 5 weeks after Step 2	STEP 4 No earlier than 21 June At least 5 weeks after Step 3 All subject to review
EDUCATION 8 MARCH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools and colleges open for all students Practical Higher Education courses 	EDUCATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As previous step 	EDUCATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As previous step 	EDUCATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As previous step
SOCIAL CONTACT 8 MARCH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exercise and recreation outdoors with household or one other person Household only indoors 	SOCIAL CONTACT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rule of 6 or two households outdoors Household only indoors 	SOCIAL CONTACT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum 30 people outdoors Rule of 6 or two households indoors (subject to review) 	SOCIAL CONTACT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No legal limit
BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES 8 MARCH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wraparound care, including sport, for all children 	BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All retail Personal care Libraries & community centres Most outdoor attractions Indoor leisure inc. gyms (individual use only) Self-contained accommodation All children's activities Outdoor hospitality Indoor parent & child groups (max 15 people, excluding under 5s) 	BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor hospitality Indoor entertainment and attractions Organised indoor sport (adult) Remaining accommodation Remaining outdoor entertainment (including performances) 	BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remaining businesses, including nightclubs
TRAVEL 8 MARCH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay at home No holidays 	TRAVEL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domestic overnight stays (household only) No international holidays 	TRAVEL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domestic overnight stays International travel (subject to review) 	TRAVEL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domestic overnight stays International travel
EVENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funerals (30) Weddings and wakes (6) 	EVENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funerals (30) Weddings, wakes, receptions (15) Event pilots 	EVENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most significant life events (30) Indoor events: 1,000 or 50% Outdoor seated events: 10,000 or 25% Outdoor other events: 4,000 or 50% 	EVENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No legal limit on life events Larger events

We would like to take this opportunity to say

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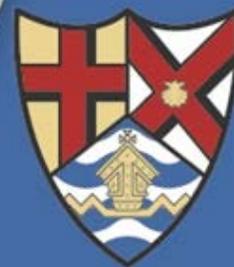
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