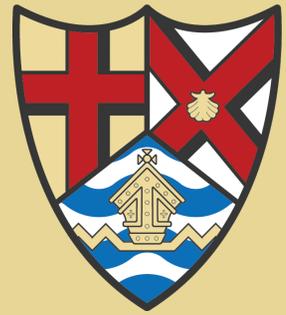


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Hello and welcome to this Summer's magazine

So much has happened during the past year, it would be impossible to cover it all in this article!

I was delighted to be re-elected as Mayor of Felixstowe for 2021-22 and am looking forward to continuing to support all our local community groups and organisations as we hopefully emerge from the pandemic. Though our town centre and seafront businesses have had a very tough time, I am optimistic that - with the support of our visitors and residents - they will bounce back. Felixstowe has once again been awarded a Blue Flag and Seaside Award for the quality of its beaches, which is testament to Visit Felixstowe and the numerous volunteers who help to keep our beaches litter free. These awards recognise Felixstowe's beaches as the best of the Suffolk coast, contributing to the town's status as a top-quality visitor destination.

The Blue Flag was awarded specifically to the beach south of the pier, an area of the town which will also benefit from the new café at Martello Park, opening this summer, and Beach Street at Mannings. It's great to see independent businesses growing and some new fabulous food outlets, please give them the support they need!

We have also reviewed the plans for the new beach hut village proposed for the current gym trail area and a new active zone. Exciting times for the south seafront area. The investment from East Suffolk Council supported by the Town Council and local businesses is very welcome.

The newly established BID has recently appointed a Manager who will be working hard to attract further investment, interest and visitors to our town centre and seafront. One objective will be to improve the link between the town centre and the seafront. I wish them every success.

I am hoping that during my second term as Mayor I will be able to be more visible, hold more events, visit and support many and varied organisations. I really enjoyed my Zoom interviews published on Visit Felixstowe but it would be lovely to meet more people in person this year. If we can also host some events, my priority is to recognise those organisations and people that made such a valuable contribution during the pandemic. We will, of course, follow national guidance but rest assured we are already planning events to say thank you!

I have decided to keep my two charities from last year namely Felixstowe Citizens' Advice and the Felixstowe Carnival Association, both in their own way make a significant contribution to the town. Once the carnival can return, I have no doubt that the team, led by Julie Bellamy, will do something spectacular! I would also like to thank Graham Page and his dedicated team at Citizens' Advice who have delivered an outstanding service to not only people locally but nationally during the last twelve months.

I hope to meet you out and about again soon. In the meantime, enjoy reading this magazine and if you would like to contact me please feel free to drop me an email via mayor@felixstowe.gov.uk

Best wishes to you all. Stay safe,

Councillor Mark Jepson, Mayor of Felixstowe

Mayor's Charities

The Mayor's chosen local charities this year are:



Felixstowe Citizen's Advice

Felixstowe Citizen's Advice provides free, confidential and impartial advice and campaign on big issues affecting people's lives. Our goal is to help everyone find a way forward, whatever problem they face. Our highly trained volunteers come from all sorts of backgrounds and help with everything that we do. During the pandemic we can be contacted

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Felixstowe Carnival Association



Felixstowe Carnival Association is a local charity, who with a small dedicated committee arrange the annual Carnival each year which includes a procession through the town and entertainment free to all, ranging from live music on our main stage, craft fair, family entertainment area and fireworks. Although disappointed we cannot proceed as normal, we will now work towards making the Felixstowe

Carnival 2022 the best Carnival yet! <https://www.felixstowecarnival.org/>

The Mayor is also supporting the RSPCA this year with the help of his mascot 'George' the Jelly cat.

Show your support for the Mayor's charities by attending some of the future fundraising events currently in the planning awaiting Government advice. For further info please contact 01394 288191, or email sue.faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk

Your Magazine

We would be pleased to receive relevant articles from community groups and voluntary organisations letting residents know what is happening in the Felixstowe area.

If your group would like to submit an article for consideration in the next quarterly edition (Autumn, covering September 2021 – December 2021) please send it via email to enquiries@felixstowe.gov.uk by Friday 13th August.

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

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

- The collection of council tax and business rates
- Local planning and building regulations
- Kerbside waste and recycling collections, including fly tipping (in conjunction with East Suffolk Norse)
- Benefits
- Community Safety
- Elections
- Street cleaning
- Housing needs
- Maintaining the resort of Felixstowe and the provision of beach huts

- Maintenance of Felixstowe's public parks, open spaces and play areas (in conjunction with East Suffolk Norse)
- Public car parks, 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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Suffolk County Council is the top tier of local government,

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

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

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

Felixstowe Fairtrade Forum



As things slowly return to normal the Felixstowe Fairtrade Forum is starting to think about activities that might be resumed in the early Autumn. We are supporting the plan for a 'one off' Suffolk Fairtrade Fortnight from 9th – 22nd October, which is being organised by the Suffolk Association of Fairtrade Towns (SAFT). A highlight will be a live link up between Suffolk Schools and Patrick Kaberia in Kenya on 13th October and schools locally are being encouraged to join the session. To find out more visit www.suffolkfairtrade.org.uk

In Felixstowe we will work with schools and others to make sure the Suffolk Fairtrade Fortnight is a success. We have agreed an exciting competition with the East of England Co-op, postponed from February, and we have plans to hold one of our very popular 'Family Fun Days' during the period.

Hopefully Felixstowe will see a surge in visitor numbers this summer and, for them, we will update and distribute our list of cafes and shops that sell Fairtrade products. Please ask your favourite café to consider serving Fairtrade refreshments if they do not do so already. Buying Fairtrade really does make a difference.

Blue Flag and Seaside Award flies for the second year running

Felixstowe beach (Felixstowe South and Pier) is flying high for a second year in a row after being named as one of the country's best beaches by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, joining an elite of seaside towns scooping prestigious Blue Flag and Seaside Awards in 2021.

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



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

Both flags were raised on Saturday 15 May 2021 and will be flying across Felixstowe throughout the year.

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

To find out more about Keep Britain Tidy, its programmes and campaigns, please visit: www.keepbritaintidy.org



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We're here...



To celebrate the Rotary Club of Felixstowe 94th Charter night we were delighted to invite Brian Hamilton, Russell Osman and Terry Butcher to relive those great days at Portman Road in the Seventies and Eighties when the Town were a real power in the football world. Our president Dougie Pipe presented the evening and was attended by club members of Rotary club Felixstowe and Landguard with their guests.

As you can imagine they had some great stories to tell about the Robson years but they also had interesting personal experiences with Brian playing along Georgie Best, Russell appearing in the film 'Escape to Victory' with Michael Caine, Pele, and Bobby Moore and Terry Butcher's experience with Paul Gascoigne and also the International Game in 1989 where he received a bloodied face, the photo of which appeared in every national and International sporting page. Thereafter we had a question and answer session between the trio and the Rotary club of Felixstowe and their friends, it was a very interesting evening.



We are proposing that all the proceeds from the event go to the Ipswich Town former players charity. You have to remember in those days there wasn't the money in the business that there is now and unfortunately several players have fallen upon difficult times.



Felixstowe Musical Theatre plans to meet in person for the first time in over a year. The group will be meeting at the Welcome Hall in Trimley St Mary on Thursday 24th June. The AGM will take place from 7pm for members, then from 8pm anyone interested in finding out more about the group is welcome to attend a social gathering and informal singing evening.

FMT were midway through rehearsals for their production of 'Bless 'Em All- FMT's Anniversary Celebration of the End of WWII in Europe' before restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic paused proceedings. The show was due to be performed at the Spa Pavilion theatre in early May 2020 and would have been the first time the group were able to perform back at the theatre after an absence of nearly eight years. The show was then scheduled for May 2021 which was then once again restricted due to COVID-19 and hence has now been cancelled. Felixstowe Musical Theatre were regular performers at the seafront theatre until it closed in 2013. Their first production in 1966, 'Salad Days,' was so successful it was decided to put on their next show, 'Free as Air', at the Spa Pavilion Theatre. FMT then continued to put on two performances at the theatre per year.

Over the years, FMT won several awards for their performances, including NODA Best Pantomime for 'Dick Whittington' in 2016.



Photo of the Disney show performed in 2018

Please see their website www.felixstowemusicaltheatre.co.uk to check for updates.

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Over £4,850 raised for St Elizabeth Hospice as part of Epic 272km bicycle ride



Throughout February and March, Councillor Graham Newman was joined by more than 60 cyclists in completing a 272km virtual bike ride in aid of the hospice, which is his chosen charity for 2021.

The distance was the equivalent of cycling the combined distance of Ipswich to Felixstowe and to all St Elizabeth Hospice premises and shops across Suffolk, in locations such as Beccles, Southwold, Stowmarket and Ipswich.

Councillor Graham Newman, Chairman of Suffolk County Council said: "I am delighted that so many people joined my Winter Cycling Mission and contributed to this magnificent sum for St Elizabeth Hospice. Riders of all ages and abilities took part in the mission using a static bike, electric bike or by getting outdoors for a ride before uploading their activities to the mission platform and tracking their distances along the route. All funds raised have been donated to the independent Suffolk charity, St Elizabeth Hospice, which provides free services to improve life for people living with a progressive or life-limiting illness throughout East Suffolk, Great Yarmouth and Waveney.

Last year, St Elizabeth Hospice cared for more than 3,000 Suffolk patients and their families at a cost of £12.9m, of which 70% was raised by the community through its retail shops and fundraising activities.



Children's Hospice Needs Volunteers



We need YOU to help us keep our shops open and raise vital funds!

With many of our shop volunteers currently unable to lend a hand due to the pandemic, the number of hours support we normally receive is down more than 50%. We are facing a financial deficit over the next 12 months, following disruption to fundraising and retail, and at the same time our care and support is more important than ever as vulnerable families become exhausted from shielding.

It is very important we manage our retail activity back to sustainable levels of income, but we will not be able to do this without more volunteer support.

Might you be able to help? Just a couple of hours a week can make a difference.

There are so many ways you can support us, from sorting donations and dressing windows to running the till and listing items on our eBay shop, and we always guarantee a friendly welcome! Why not pop in to your local EACH shop – chat to our team and arrange a taster session? Find out more about becoming a retail volunteer,

including a full list of our shop locations and phone numbers, at www.each.org.uk/retail-volunteers

Alternatively please contact EACH Volunteer Services on 01223 205183 or at volunteerservices@each.org.uk.



Suffolk Remembers returns for 2021

A popular Suffolk remembrance event, traditionally held in Felixstowe, will go ahead despite current challenges presented by the coronavirus pandemic.

Every year St Elizabeth Hospice's memorial event Suffolk Remembers, sees 5,000 candles displayed along Felixstowe seafront as hundreds of people gather to remember their loved ones.

However, due to restrictions concerning the Covid-19 pandemic, last year the event was broadcast as an online video for those who had dedicated a candle to view. This year organisers have announced the return of Suffolk Remembers on 21st June and it is hoped it can be held in its traditional format along Felixstowe seafront.

All are welcome to dedicate a candle, even if they have not previously been under the hospice's care, and the hospice is encouraging all who have lost a friend or relative to Covid-19 to take the opportunity to join people from across the region in remembering them through Suffolk Remembers 2021, which once again is sponsored by East of England Co-op Funeral Services.. Each dedication will also include a photo and a message to a loved one which will be included in the Suffolk Remembers' online gallery and a physical electric candle will be added to the hospice's physical event display For further information visit



suffolkremembers.stelizabethhospice.org.uk, email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk or call 01473 727776.

Keeping active with ActivLives



After a roller coaster of a year with the pandemic, local charity ActivLives is finally getting back on track offering a wide range of inclusive activities, to keep older people active and connected in Ipswich and East Suffolk.

To support the Step by Step (falls prevention) Better Balance sessions held at Walton Community Centre every Tuesday morning, Felixstowe Town Council awarded ActivLives £1,000 to purchase exercise kit, that could be loaned to members, to minimise the transmission of the virus. Members returning to sessions from the 18th May 2021 will be presented with a cotton bag, including the various pieces of exercise equipment needed, to help them build their strength, balance and co-ordination to prevent falls and fractures.



Julie Stokes CEO said, 'We would like to thank Felixstowe Town Council for the funding to purchase the Better Balance equipment. Due to social distancing and Covid-19 health and safety measures we are now running three sessions at Walton Community Centre every week, to enable our existing members to return and be able to offer places to new people, as restrictions ease, who need our support. The equipment we have been able to purchase will help people to improve their mobility, as well as the seated and standing Better Balance OTAGO exercise that they do each week'

Through the lockdowns ActivLives provided weekly zoom sessions for both Walton and Woodbridge members, in order to support those people to maintain their existing fitness levels.

ActivLives is slowly re-opening all of its sessions including its Better Balance sessions, funded by the Ipswich and East Suffolk CCG and inclusive sport session, which is also held in Felixstowe. For more information about ActivLives activities visit their website www.activlives.org.uk or contact the office on 01473 345350.

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Pier PROJECTS

Pier Projects Art Agency is delighted to announce Alisa Oleva as the artist commissioned for 2021. She will develop a new art project for

Felixstowe inspired by walking and in response to this unique port and coastal town. London-based Oleva was selected by a newly-formed Community Arts Panel, comprising residents of Felixstowe following a nationwide Open Call for proposals.

The artist commented “ I am excited and looking forward to coming to Felixstowe to work with Pier Projects. As a walking artist, I will be creating a commission inspired by locations, sites and views shared by the local community. The project will invite people to see the town and other people from a new perspective, different angles and viewpoints; look at the details and textures of Felixstowe whilst looking at the horizon, into distance and into the future.”



This commission, launched by Pier Projects intends to reconnect people with their local environment and promote wellbeing. It also aims to contribute to personal and collective reflection, support recovery from trauma and develop a spirit of collective endeavour in Felixstowe.

Whilst the commission will launch in early Autumn, people can get involved already. Please share and nominate sites, views or locations within the town that are significant to you. These places and memories will feed into the artist’s research. You can do this by tagging Pier Projects in photos or images on Instagram or Facebook @pierprojects or by emailing them at pierprojectsorg@gmail.com Alternatively the form to nominate can be found at pierprojects.org/blog/2021/5/14/alisa-oleva-viewpoints-an-invitation-to-contribute

This new commission is part of a two-year programme by Pier Projects generously funded by Arts Council England and East Suffolk Council’s Enabling Community Fund.



In common with most organisations in and about town, The Felixstowe Master Mariners Club has not been able to arrange their monthly lunch meetings at Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club for over a year.

However, due to the generosity of Members, The Club has been able to continue with their annual charitable giving to local Maritime causes and continues to recruit new Members in anticipation of a re-start later this year.

Several very interesting speakers have been lined up and anyone interested in joining us should visit www.mastermariners.uk.



How nice to have Summer on our doorstep. It has certainly been a long time coming this year. Snow in February, high winds in Spring and not enough rain to keep our golf course from looking a little parched. But of course a links course always does look a little brown around the edges; that is what makes it so different to the inland courses and we wouldn’t have it any other way. A lot of courses this year had problems with a little bug called a leather jacket and we were no different. They are the larvae of the daddy long legs. It took a lot of skill from our green keepers to keep them at bay as they were very partial to eating the grass from below on our greens which would have ruined them but we appear to have averted disaster so we are very grateful to all our green staff for winning that battle.



Obviously the pandemic hit us hard as well as many other businesses but we were able to welcome our members back in April and visitors back from the beginning of May so we do have lots of happy golfers out on the course right now. We have put a marquee up for the Summer to carry on with the fresh air feeling that so many of us have got used to. Shivering in the garden for the last few months has made us very grateful for small pleasures such as being outside but having a roof over our heads and a marquee seemed the perfect answer. They complement our gazebos which were already in place. The marquee is also available for anyone to hire if they have missed out on a celebration this past year and you couldn’t ask for a better view.

Talking of views, we now have 5 prestigious houses up for sale on our land which will all have beautiful views of the course and the Deben estuary and sea. Even if you are not a golfer it will be an idyllic place to live and the houses themselves are amazing. Have a look on Rightmove to see fantastic video’s and pictures of what the houses will look like. And in the not too distant future our new Clubhouse will start being built and then everyone can enjoy the spectacular views over a coffee, drink and/or meal. It will certainly be a go to place on everyone’s map for evenings out or occasions to be enjoyed.



Our membership numbers are very healthy because of this exciting phase in the Golf Club’s history and we look forward to sharing this with the community of Felixstowe as soon as we can. Have a great Summer everyone.

David Spencer, General Manager

The Allotment Association continues to thrive, with an ever growing number of members spending their time on the many plots spread across town. Working with the Council we have seen a record number of plots released to the many on the waiting list, but even now we have a number of residents still hoping for a plot before the growing season is behind us.

We all love to talk about the weather, which this year has certainly caused gardeners and allotmenters considerable anxiety, going from persistent rain early in the year followed by a freezing April with no rain. Many of us started plants in January and February only to see them languish indoors or in greenhouses unable to be safely planted due to the awful weather.

But, growers have to be optimistic and determined and will be rewarded as the recent rains and warmer nights will speed on the plants and seeds to provide food for the table.



The Association helps and assists members in their everyday growing and includes a shop at Cowpasture allotments selling compost, some fertilisers, netting and the like. Additionally with the considerable increase in new homes we are concerned about the impact it will have on the plots especially Ferry Road and Cowpasture plots in Candlet Road. We have provided comments and views on the early plans as circulated by the developers and more recently have raised a breach concern for the failure of the developer to erect a fence on the north side of the Ferry Road site.

We hope very much to see an extend period of warmth, the fruit and vegetables will keep us all occupied as we take a staycation in Felixstowe. Last year's crop highlight (picture to the left) a large and somewhat unusual "Celeriac (Asterix F1) the root form of the celery plant.

More information can be found at Felixstoweallotments.co.uk



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



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senses. On second thoughts probably not hearing!

Those of us who are gardeners have a lot to be thankful for, especially over the last year. A hobby that gets you outside in the fresh air (albeit very fresh this year), keeping fit and active AND growing plants to delight all the

This Spring has been the coldest and driest in living memory but it has made the Spring flowers last much longer. I have never known daffodils to give so much pleasure for so long, probably the cold and lack of pollinating insects have kept them in bloom. Hopefully in the next few Summer months the weather will encourage a profusion of flowers in our gardens.



Like many groups our Club has not been able to hold our monthly meetings but we do hope to begin again in October, all being well! Our first indoor meeting will be on Tuesday 12th October at 7.00pm in Old Felixstowe Community Centre in Church Road. As an appetiser, like Chelsea we are aiming to move our Annual Show to September this year.

We hope to engage with everyone in Felixstowe, from those who discovered gardening as a hobby recently to seasoned enthusiasts alike.

We hope to create a fun but competitive Show which will be open to all ages; so please keep your eyes and ears open in the coming months.

MeanwhileKeeep Gardening!

Look out for us on Facebook The Felixstowe Garden Club and on our website www.felixstowegardenclub.co.uk



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Felixstowe in flower

Join in the Fun to make Felixstowe Bloom in 2021

This year we are celebrating the 36th Anniversary of Felixstowe in Flower in style and hope it'll be our biggest year yet, breaking records with public participation.

Do you have green fingers?

We are looking for members of our community to show off their own floral and environmentally conscious projects.

Please submit your photos - from hanging baskets, window boxes or individual plants to full gardens to sue.faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk. We are hoping to encourage our local businesses to be involved also, if you run a business and haven't received an email from us, please let us know.

Watch out for announcements via our website, Facebook and Twitter to find out how you can get involved...



Ready, steady... grow!

Local schools are getting involved using grow bags donated by the East of England Co-operative Funeral Service, who are also contributing towards some of the new wooden tubs that will be planted up in the town.

Schools, Residential Homes and local community groups are also encouraged to send us pictures of their artwork with a flower theme, so we can decorate the town with flowers in all forms. If you have a shop window and would like to display something floral please contact sue.faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk or telephone 01394 288191.

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, Facebook and Twitter.



Litter-Free Felixstowe, a community interest group with over 1000 members is continuing to clear litter from all public places across the town. The fantastic efforts of volunteers have resulted in many areas becoming litter-free.

As Lockdown restrictions have eased, it became apparent that litter on major roads and lay-bys throughout the UK has reached unprecedented levels and volunteers cannot clear for safety reasons.

Litter-Free Felixstowe has, therefore, started a new initiative, working with haulage companies and the Council to raise awareness amongst all road users. Companies have been encouraged to sign the 'Litter-Free pledge' committing them to keep their own premises litter-free and incorporating the anti-litter

message into environmental policies and training manuals. Sir David Attenborough has already sent a hand-written note to support this national campaign which launched on Earth Day (22 April).



Photos Credit : Pat Stockley - Major haulage companies holding the Litter-Free pledge

The group is now looking forward to a time when volunteers can meet together again and a 'Litter-Free Day' has been declared on 4 July when a large litter-pick will take place around the Pier area. Anyone wanting to take part should join Litter-Free Felixstowe on Facebook for further information and arrive at the meeting point at 12.00 to collect equipment and hi-vis jackets. Children are welcome to attend but must be accompanied by an adult.

There are also plans for a music event involving up to 30 local children to encourage others to get involved in protecting the environment. Clearly, as Litter-Free Felixstowe continues to grow, the Summer months are expected to be busy.



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THINGS TO DO
AFTER
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As we head towards the 21 June - and the end of England's lockdown roadmap... the seaside town of Felixstowe in Suffolk is gearing itself up ready for wonderful summer staycations by the sea.

Our 50 Things to Do after Lockdown is a unique and fabulous list of attractions and activities for everyone to discover, experience and enjoy.

The question is... how many of these can you tick off this Summer? **Full details on all these attractions and activities can be found at www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk**

1. Snap! Take a picture with Felixstowe's favourite family - 'The Wickers' in the Seafront Gardens.
2. Enjoy beachside 'wine and dine' this summer... alfresco style on the Prom lawns.
3. 'A bench with a view' - from Ferry to Landguard, relax with a wonderful vista and a picnic of locally sourced food and drink goodies.
4. Felixstowe Fashionista's... go boutique shopping for on-trend clothing, shoes, and jewellery.
5. Take a sweet-smelling summer stroll in the beautiful seafront Rose Garden.
6. Start the day in style... tuck into a 'Big Breakfast' at a traditional seaside cafe.
7. Home, Sweet, Home. Shop for seaside knick-knacks and furnishings to decorate your pad.
8. From stained glass to embroidery... get hands on at the Felixstowe Sewing School, Reunion Studio, Naomi Brangwyn and The Wool Baa.
9. Indulge with a scrumptious cream tea - scones, jam and cream - overlooking the sea.
10. Made in Felixstowe. Discover our local craftspeople and artists - check out the art spaces of 142 Hamilton Road and Hamilton MAS.





11. The butcher, baker, green-grocer, and fishmonger... go on a 'Felixstowe Foodie Trail'.
12. Super souvenirs! Pick up a Felixstowe keepsake... from sticks of rock to artworks and ceramics.
13. A seaside tradition. Enjoy some award-winning freshly cooked fish and chips on the beach.
14. Experience our night-time flavours - from pizza and curries to fine dining, accompanied by real ales, fine wines, and colourful cocktails.



15. Explore the magnificent military and maritime heritage of Grade I listed Landguard Fort.
16. Model planes, fossils, and vintage toys - discover the fascinating collections at the award-winning Felixstowe Museum.



17. Go beachcombing. What will you find? Colourful pebbles, intricate shells, and mermaid's purses.
18. Take your binoculars to spot rare Ringed Plovers and giant sea-going vessels at the Landguard Nature Reserve.



19. Bring your pooch for dog-friendly seaside walks and refreshments on the prom.
20. Music to the ears... enjoy wonderful live concerts and performances from Music in Felixstowe.



21. Splash, swing, slide! Let them loose at the green seafront oasis of Martello Park.
22. Spend a penny... family arcade fun with the latest hi-tech games and retro classics.
23. Pampering Time. Get revitalised and rejuvenated... with a luxury beauty/spa treatment.



24. On your bike! Explore on two wheels with a relaxing ride on National Cycle Network Route 51.
25. Coastal abodes... enjoy a short break or a longer stay, with our historic hotels, seafront self-catering apartments and landscaped campsites.



26. Defence of the Realm. Walk the Martello Coast Path from the Deben to the Orwell.
27. Bloomin' Beautiful! Explore the award-winning Seafront Gardens on the 'Heritage Trail'.
28. Go messing about on the water... with learn to sail and powerboat courses at Felixstowe Ferry.



29. Tee off at the only links course in Suffolk. Test your golf skills with a round on the nine-hole 'Kingsfleet' at Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club.



30. Come on the Seaside! Cheer on the town's big team with a footie match at The Goldstar.

31. Enjoy a 'Game, set, match' or expert coaching at the iconic Felixstowe Lawn Tennis Club.

32. Hire your own colourful Felixstowe beach hut for the day or week. Don't forget your deckchair.

33. All aboard for seal and wildlife spotting, with river and harbour tours on the Deben and Orwell.



34. One refreshing scoop or two? Indulge in Felixstowe handmade artisan ice creams.

35. Take a woodland adventure and try den-building at The Grove and Abbey Grove.



36. Surf's Up! Go wave-watching from the boardwalk of Felixstowe Pier.

37. Wander along the prom after dark, with its colourful twinkling lights and illuminations.

38. Get lost in the Aladdin's Cave of Underwoods - a Felixstowe hardware institution since 1946.



39. Meet the town's ambassadors at the Visit Felixstowe beach hut for information and advice.

40. Make a sandcastle masterpiece and go for a dip on our prestigious Blue Flag beach.



41. Walk in the footsteps of the famous, with a stroll around the Felixstowe 'Blue Plaques'.

42. Military might... climb up the unique Martello Tower 'P' on a special Open Day.

43. The Big Screen. Enjoy the latest blockbuster or a special presentation at the Palace Cinema.



44. Eat, drink, shop at the unique colourful container village of Beach Street Felixstowe.

45. Get out into the countryside around Felixstowe - with a walk to the 'Kingsfleet'.

46. Hold on tight... with the fun rides and children's attractions of Ocean Boulevard.



47. Hole in one! Challenge your family and friends to a fun game of Adventure Golf.

48. Fishy Tales... from 'Ferry' fresh fish to delicious seafood platters and shellfish treats.

49. Look up... to discover amazing seaside architecture and imposing seafront landmarks.



50. That's Entertainment! Big nights out at the Spa Pavilion - comedy, music and live theatre.

Summer What's On

The main events calendar for the town is back up and running on the Visit Felixstowe website at visitfelixstowe.org.uk/whats-on

Here's a few highlights coming up...

Pack up a picnic and enjoy some **Open Air Theatre** from Cambridge Touring Productions at the Felixstowe Beachside Events Area. 'The Great Gatsby' on Saturday 19 June at 1900; and David Walliams' 'Mr Stink' on Sunday 20 June at 1600. Book tickets now at www.cambridgetouringproductions.co.uk



The historic **Landguard Fort** will be holding fun family quiz trails and activities right through the year, visit their fab new website at www.landguard.com for full details

and to book tickets. Next door at the award-winning **Felixstowe Museum**, get set for the 'Brick Olympics' during the main school summer holidays. Explore the museum to discover the sporting models and other fun surprises. Further details at www.felixstowemuseum.org



Booktastic! The **Felixstowe Book Festival** is back for 2021, with a weekend (25 to 27 June) of socially distanced events, held at Harvest House, and online live-streamed interviews with authors from their sofa to yours. Full details and tickets at www.felixstowebookfestival.co.uk

Enjoy wonderful live music acts, theatre, comedy and children's entertainment at **The Spa Pavilion**. They have a packed programme for 2021, including musical 'Kinky Boots' (24-27 June); the 'Tina Turner Experience' (7 August); 'Shrek the Musical' (26-29 August); and 'The Drifters' (18 September). Full details and book tickets at www.thelittleboxoffice.com/spapavilion

Foodie treats and unique gifts - at the **Felixstowe Artisan and Producers Market** on Saturday 31 July (1000-1500). Head down to Beach Street Felixstowe for this free event showcasing local food, drink and crafts.



Are you a budding young photographer?

Then why not take part in the **Felixstowe Photo Competition**. One of the categories in the current competition is 'Young Photographer', which is open to those aged 16 years and under only.

We want to see your pictures of Felixstowe which can be on any theme - BUT must aim to promote Felixstowe as a visitor destination. Eg - the beach, family fun, big ships, Landguard Fort, etc.

So get out and get snapping this summer... then submit your photograph to the Felixstowe Photo Competition by emailing us at visitfelixstowe@eastsoffolk.gov.uk Please include your full name, age, and a telephone number where we can contact you (if there are any problems).

The deadline for entries is 12pm on Wednesday 15 September 2021, and you can read the full terms and conditions at www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk/features-and-stories/felixstowe-photo-competition



New manager to lead Felixstowe improvement initiative

Sheline Gledhill has been appointed Manager of Felixstowe Business Improvement District (BID), an initiative which will see business-funded investment of £600,000 over five years to help shape the future of the town and seafront.

“Felixstowe has shown its resilience during the pandemic and the BID will help support the recovery as we continue to emerge from lockdown and invest in the town’s future,” said Sheline.



“The Task Force has worked incredibly hard to get the BID this far and, after a ‘yes’ vote from the town’s businesses at the end of last year, I am looking forward to connecting with the Board to set our priorities and start to make a real difference.

“In the coming weeks, my aim is to meet as many businesspeople in the BID area as I can to understand their priorities and vision for Felixstowe and learn from their experience and expertise.”

Sheline moved to Felixstowe almost 20 years ago and joins the BID from Suffolk Chamber of Commerce, where she had an event, marketing and communications role.

Earlier in her career she spent 12 years working on the East Anglian Daily Times’ business desk, where she edited Business East Monthly, before a career break took her overseas to the Sultanate of Oman and the United States of America.

“Living abroad was an amazing experience, but I am glad to be back home in Felixstowe and can’t wait to get started in my new role” she added.

Work will now begin on formalising an action plan for the coming year. Projects under discussion include a local visitor marketing and promotion to enhance footfall and visitor experience in both the town and on the seafront, developing a loyalty scheme for local shops and improving wayfinding and signage to

improve connectivity throughout the town.

“Felixstowe has so much to offer both residents and visitors alike,” said Sheline, “and it is important that the business community has a strong voice and can engage fully in building back better.”

To contact Sheline email manager@felixstowebid.co.uk



New Chairperson at Felixstowe Chamber

Hello everyone,

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Roger Abbott who has stepped down from his four-year role as Chairman. Roger has worked hard to drive the Chamber forward and create new initiatives, of which I will continue to take on in my role. Also a big thank you to Corrine Franklin the Chamber’s Business Officer, who has given so much time and energy in her role along with being a friendly face at our events. Corrine has now handed over the role to Julie Gatt, who you will deal with in the future when booking and attending any of our events.

I am really looking forward to getting stuck into the role of Chairperson of Felixstowe Chamber of Trade and Commerce and building relations with the Felixstowe Town Council. I’m sure that we will be able to work together on any business related work.

There is certainly lots to look forward to in Felixstowe in the coming months. With the Business Improvement District (BID) being instrumental in identifying marketing strategies to draw people to the town and seafront, the news of Felixstowe Port becoming a Freeport and a boost for more busy beach days due to less foreign travel, it’s an exciting time! I’m truly looking forward to the next chapter for Felixstowe and the Chamber committee will be keen to help in any way we can.



Jane Warden, Chairperson

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Visit Felixstowe Visitor Information

The Visitor Information Beach Hut is manned by over 40 volunteers, known as Visit Felixstowe Ambassadors.

This year we have been lucky enough to be provided some funding from Cllr Tracey Green from East Suffolk Council to issue the Visit Felixstowe Ambassadors with branded T-Shirts and High Viz waistcoats. This will ensure that they are easily identifiable to visitors whether onsite at the Visitors Centre or giving guidance around Felixstowe.

The current hugely popular Visitor Information beach hut opened in 2016 and now welcomes around 10,000 visitors a year. They offer a wealth of knowledge and expert advice to visitors, alongside the provision of leaflets and maps on attractions, places to stay, eat and shop, transport links and events.

The beach hut is normally open all year round, seven days a week (when weather allows).

During 2021 a new facility is being planned which will incorporate the Visit Felixstowe and is scheduled to open later this year. It will be a fully accessible location, with more space and a connection to electricity so it can be utilised for many more things including into the evening.

We will also hopefully be able to have access to technology which will be an excellent tool in helping the Visit Felixstowe Ambassadors provide guidance to the public on a successful and safe visit to East Suffolk. This will not only be used within the Visitor Information Point but also provide a mobile advice and guidance service throughout the resort.

Our fantastic band of Visit Felixstowe Ambassadors love to share and provide visitors with the most up-to-date knowledge and advice so that visitors can make the most of their time enjoying Visit Felixstowe.



Felixstowe South Seafront

The building works at the Kitchen @ Martello Park are entering the final phase and you can now get a real sense of what the finished cafe will look like. It is a striking design with incredible sea views, just perfect for sitting on the terrace with a cold drink on a summers day or keeping warm inside with a hot chocolate when the cold wind blows.



Thanks to Zinc and Copper Works Ltd for their roof top picture www.zincandcopperworks.org.

After the arson attack on the recently restored Victorian shelter on Sea Road, we are delighted that work to repair the damage will be starting in a few weeks' time.

Further along the seafront, plans have been submitted for the first Beach Hut Village of its kind in the country. The exciting plans include a new toilet block with a Changing Places facility, beach huts in landscaped grounds and beach pods overlooking the sea available to hire.

The plans also include the creation of an activity park which will house the relocated trim trail equipment, a petanque piste, table tennis tables, a climbing wall and space for outdoor classes such as bootcamps and yoga.



You will also get the opportunity to vote on your favourite name. Further details can be found below:

Vote for your favourite name for proposed Beach Village

Residents in Felixstowe are invited to vote for their favourite name for a proposed beach village after planning application is submitted. East Suffolk Council is looking to improve the beach hut experience in Felixstowe and has submitted a planning application for a proposed new beach village on the town's South Seafront.

The proposals include 5 accessible, purpose-built pods, 27 traditional huts and a new public convenience block with Changing Places facilities. The existing trim trail 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 pod 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.

Alongside this, the Council is also considering possible names for the site and asked local people for suggestions during a public consultation which ended in March 2021. The top five suggestions have now been selected and local people are invited to vote for their favourite in a new survey before 5pm on 30 July 2021 at <https://eu.surveymonkey.com/r/BeachVillage>

Full details of the application are on the Public Access planning portal on East Suffolk Council's website – reference DC/21/2444/FUL – and is open for consultation, ahead of being considered by the Planning Committee.

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Fantabulous Felixstowe Museum reopens

Felixstowe Museum is pleased to announce that it reopened on 30th May as a COVID secure venue. Furthermore, with funding assistance from local Councillors we have appointed Andy Calver as our Curator and Manager to help progress the museum's ambitious forward plan. We will launch with a new display focussing on Felixstowe railway stations – did you know there was a pier station? There will be model trains running and many new exhibits out on display for the first time. The Museum will also become an activity destination for the Suffolk Children's University.



Andy says 'Looking to continue to move forward, I am proud that the Trustees have put their faith in me. My priority is to help grow our volunteer support to improve the museum's resilience so we can open again and hopefully, open more often in the future. Felixstowe Museum shows what a dedicated team of enthusiastic volunteers can achieve. It is a fantastic community facility featuring fourteen fascinating rooms of fun; from flying boats to funfairs, ferries to freighters, flora, fauna, fossils and fabulous facts – Felixstowe Museum is fantabulous family fun'.

Andy is leading a drive to encourage more people of all ages to engage first-hand with the museum and its collection through volunteering. 'If you fancy forging fresh friendships, finding fulfilment or are fond of facts, why not come and join us as a volunteer. We can learn from each other, you can get work experience to add to your CV, or just get out and have fun – we can't promise fame or fortune, but we can offer you a fresh focus, a first-hand front of house experience and did I mention fantastic fabulous fun!'

If you are interesting in volunteering we would love to hear from you. Please contact Andy on 07813 037022 or email felmuseum@btopenworld.com.

For further information, including opening times, admission prices and our full calendar of events, please visit www.felixstowemuseum.org or find us on Facebook @FelixstoweMuseum



Picture: Andy sits in the Martin Baker ejection seat (after checking the rocket motors have been removed)

Biography

Andy Calver started his museum career in 1980. Leaving school with no idea what he wanted to do, a friend suggested that as he was good at making plastic models he should apply for an assistant conservator position at The British Museum. Moving on he worked at Nottingham Museums, the Museum of London, St Albans Museums and Imperial War Museums before joining the curatorial team at the National Horse Racing Museum in Newmarket. He has now come full circle moving to Felixstowe as manager and curator, and a museum full of fantastic plastic models.

Wicker Family's baby is named 'Hope'

A huge congratulations goes to Sarah who submitted the winning name in the competition to name the Wicker family's new arrival. The name 'Hope' was not only loved by the judges but seems to get member's of the public approval too!



Sarah, who is a Community Nurse for the St Elizabeth Hospice, is pictured with her own new arrival - 4 month old 'Jack', alongside the Mayor of Felixstowe, Mark Jepson and Wicker Family artist Tracy Barritt-Brown. Sarah has received a fab £10 voucher to spend on the yummy treats at the Little Ice Cream Company.





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Old Felixstowe Community Association - Ferry Road, Felixstowe

Since taking over as Chairman in October of last year the Centre has been closed for much of that time but thankfully, we are now feeling optimistic and hopeful that better days appear to be ahead. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Chairman, Gina Cooper for all her work as Chairman, a role she held for 12 years. Gina has kindly agreed to be Vice Chairman and to carry out some fundraising which will be much needed over the coming months.

At the time of writing, we are planning to reopen on an extremely limited basis with more clubs and societies using the Centre as the months go by. Hopefully, if the Government's roadmap goes to plan, then as from 21st June (at the earliest) all legal limits on social contact will be removed.

Over the past year it has taught us a lot about community spirit and the great sense of wellbeing we all feel being part of the Community Association. We look forward to better times ahead and getting the Centre back to the busy place it was prior to the pandemic.

If you are interested in hiring the Community Centre, please contact the Administrator on 07494 599265 or email ofcabookings@gmail.com. More details about room hire can be found on our website www.ouldfelixstoweca.org.uk

If you live in Old Felixstowe, why not join our Association, membership fees are £3 for an individual or £5 for families or couples. For more information, please contact our Membership Secretary, Elaine Wright at membership@ouldfelixstoweca.org.uk.

Best wishes,
Celia Page - Chairman



Felixstowe Men's Shed

New beginning for Felixstowe Men's Shed (FMS) is about to dawn. After much searching, we are grateful to the Master of Trinity College, Cambridge who instructed their agents Bidwells to assist in finding a suitable location within their Felixstowe and Trimley Estate. Robin Hill from the Bidwells has located and offered a vacated barn at Great Street Farm, Trimley St. Mary.

We had been planning on converting containers into a workshop. This will short cut the process. On 13th May 2021 East Suffolk District Council awarded a substantial grant to convert the barn into a functioning workshop.

FMS intend to maintain links to both Felixstowe Museum and Landguard Fort who have been very supportive of our efforts over the past three years. Clearly, we needed a larger workshop and Great St. Farm will allow us to expand in several directions. Early days but once established we will be seeking a wider membership, anyone interested are invited to make contact through our website or on Facebook.

We have been busy as we climb out of lockdown and have just completed a project at St. Phillips Church Hall, Wadgate Road. The hall is being converted into a Community Hub and FMS have painted a large Rainbow on a wall that gives a huge impact as you enter the hall. Supportive wording completes the wall and an outside revamped notice board completes the project. Landguard Fort have been supplied with wooden replica rifles for their racks. Much more in the pipe line.



If you would like to be involved, get in touch, we have lady members. All members are encouraged to learn new skills and brush up on existing ones. Men's Sheds number over 600 in the UK and are especially helpful in maintaining wellbeing as we emerge from a dark year.

Contact: Felixstowemensshed.org.uk Phone Felixstowe 213785
Tony Allen Chairman

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

Looking for a venue for a children's party, business event or regular class? Walton Community Hall is available for hire daytimes, evenings and weekends throughout the year. The main hall measures 9.6m x 9.6m. Competitive rates apply, please contact Sarah.morrison@felixstowe.gov.uk or telephone 01394 288194 for further information.



Understanding the hidden impact of periods

Residents in East Suffolk are invited to have their say on how periods may impact those who experience them in a new survey.

The survey, titled 'Period Survey - East Suffolk', has been created by East Suffolk Council to enable the Council to gain a better understanding on the hidden impact periods can have on those who experience them.

The aim of the survey is to get a clearer picture of how people in East Suffolk are affected by their periods, so that the Council can explore ways to provide the necessary support and reduce the stigma associated with the menstrual cycle.

Nicole Rickard, Head of Communities, said: "Everyone is affected differently by periods, and some of these impacts can be largely 'invisible' to others. As well as health issues, they can affect wellbeing in different ways and the ability to function normally in a range of situations and of course, they also come with a financial cost which is a struggle to some people.

"By carrying out this survey, we hope to get a better understanding of the impact periods can have on a local level, so that we can respond by ensuring the right support is in place. Therefore, we would appreciate hearing from as many people as possible about how they are affected."



The survey is open until Friday 18 June and you can take part now at <https://eu.surveymonkey.com/r/3W3LFPF>.

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Landguard Nature Reserve is looking for volunteers who would like to help with ad hoc activities



We offer a range of opportunities for people over 18, for which you do not require any specific skills:

Seal Watch - Grey seal and Common seal regularly haul out on our shores – it is part of their normal behaviour. They spend more time out of the water, digesting their food and resting than in it. Therefore, finding a seal on the beach does not mean there is a problem and healthy seals should be left alone. Seal Watch volunteers play a very important role in protecting seals when resting on the Nature Reserve and helping the Ranger ensure they remain safe and undisturbed. As a Seal Watch volunteer, you will work in pairs for short durations, to help maintain a safe distance between the animal and visitors.

Beach Clean / River Clean – Litter picking - We are committed to keeping the Reserve clean and free from litter, and especially plastic. Removing litter and plastics from the reserve is important because every piece of plastic and litter that we remove from the marine environment will not end up in the sea or harm marine animals or other wildlife. We aim to host at least 4 events each year and always need the support of volunteers.

Scrub management / bramble bashing - Bramble is a valuable habitat for nesting birds, invertebrates and small mammals but left unmanaged can develop into dense invasive thickets. Bramble control takes place during autumn and winter and volunteer activities typically include cutting back / trimming bramble with hand tools (loppers) and removing all cuttings for burning.

Mowing and raking - Some areas of grassland are permanently fenced, and rabbit proofed to allow the vegetation to grow unhindered by trampling and rabbit grazing. These areas are cut and raked after plants have flowered and set seed. After cutting the arisings are gathered with hay rakes and removed.

Pond Maintenance - Currently there is only one pond at Landguard Nature Reserve which is fringed with marginal, emergent, and submerged vegetation that occasionally needs reducing to maintain an open water habitat. When necessary, this type of activity takes place in the Winter and involves removing some of the vegetation by hand from the surface of the water and around its margins.

Fence Building & Repair, Boardwalk & Step Maintenance - Regular visitors to Landguard will be familiar with the permanent conservation areas, temporary cordons, boardwalks, paths, and steps that guide you around the reserve. These fixtures need to be maintained throughout the year and sometimes replaced if they become too worn or damaged.

Special Projects - Occasionally we need assistance with special projects such as ground disturbance to encourage specific flora, creating temporary cordons to protect special areas, seed collection for habitat enhancement, education events and activities, tree planting and marram grass control. These activities will be scheduled as required.

Volunteering can be an incredibly rewarding task and provides a great opportunity to meet like-minded people. Whatever your knowledge, interests, or skills we would welcome your involvement! If you would like to become involved, please contact the Ranger at landguardranger@eastssuffolk.gov.uk and register your interest.



Hello lovely beachcombers

Public beachcombing is back! Hooray! Join me on a guided beachcomb. Numbers are limited to 15 per walk and booking in advance is essential. Everything you need to know and book can be found here:

www.beachbonkers.org.uk/come-to-the-beach/

Bespoke private beachcombing is also available.

The winner of the Seaham sea glass competition is...Wendy S. There were 99 guesses of how many pieces of Seaham sea glass were in the jar. These ranged from 31 to 198 and 72 was a very popular guess. In fact, there were 121 pieces of sea glass in the jar. Thanks to everyone who entered.

If you missed me beachcombing with Kate Humble I'm in the first ten minutes on catch up here:

www.my5.tv/kate-humble-s-coastal-britain/season-1/ suffolk in "Kate Humble's Coastal Britain" - Episode 6.

In addition to beachcombing I offer a Zoom or in-person talk on "Suffolk Shingle: Tales of Treasure & Trash" Find out more: www.beachbonkers.org.uk/book-your-talk

Really hope to see you on the beach!

Kate Osborne - Beach Bonkers Tel: 0751 255 7200

PLEASE BEACHCOMB SUSTAINABLY. Take away as much rubbish and sea glass/pottery as you like but everything else belongs on the beach. Our shingle beaches are a complex & fragile habitat - the plants & animals that live there need that driftwood, shell or stone far more than we do. Thank you!

TS Landguard Sea Cadet Corps

TS Landguard, based in the Drill Hall, Garrison Lane, is the stone frigate headquarters of Felixstowe's Sea Cadet Corps. Since the 1960's, the unit has served the Felixstowe community by offering its young people adventure based training in a disciplined environment, with a maritime theme. The Sea Cadet Corps, through TS Landguard, offers young people a wide range of maritime and social activities including sailing, power boating, paddle boarding, wind surfing and canoeing, together with active engagement in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. Sea Cadet training is adventure and fun-based, conducted in a disciplined, safety conscious environment. Water-born activities are conducted in accordance with Royal Yachting Association (RYA) standards, and many of the Unit's volunteer instructors are RYA-certified in the roles they are conducting.

In March of 2021, the Unit's Commanding Officer, P.O. Jennie Wilkes (nee Nicholson) handed over command of the unit to P.O. Karl Wilkinson. To honour her ten years' service in command of the Unit, Jennie was awarded the Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk's Certificate of Commendation; the award recognised not only her long service in command but also her service to the Felixstowe community thereby. Jennie's day job is service as an NHS nurse at the sharp end of the Covid pandemic.

Covid 19 has presented its challenges to TS Landguard, but as with many other like organisations, it has also brought out the best in people. Training has continued best possible on-line throughout lockdown, using Zoom facilities. With the gradual relaxation of government regulations, the Unit has cautiously returned to afloat and parade activities and like everyone in the community, we live in hopes that this progress will be maintained. We are sincerely appreciative of the financial support we have received local government, which has materially helped to tide the Unit through these difficult times.

The Unit has an ambitious programme for re-developing its Drill Hall HQ to accommodate an expanding Unit, offering better instruction and social facilities. The Unit is actively seeking placement opportunities for its Cadets on sail training vessels and other nationally-based youth development initiatives. Sea Cadet officers, both uniformed and civilian, are all volunteers, committed



to the vision of character training in our young people, delivered in a safe environment.

The Sea Cadets welcome new entrants of all ages between 10 and 18 years. A Junior section offers basic seamanship and afloat training to 10 - 12 plus year olds, who progress into the Senior section at age 12 years. The training Sea Cadets receive in the SCC prepares them for life in big outside world and greatly enhances young peoples' employment prospects. The contact details for new recruits are: www.sea-cadets.org/felixstowe email: felixstoweseacadets@gmail.com

TS Landguard is proud of its service to the Felixstowe community.



Lord Lieutenant's RAF Air Cadet for 2021 - Cdt FS Alfie Lack, 356

Alfie Lack is an outstanding young leader with Felixstowe Air Cadets. He was awarded top cadet for 2020 for 356 Squadron and was recommended to be the top cadet for Norfolk and Suffolk Wing. As a result, he has been appointed to be the Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk's RAF Air Cadet for 2021.

The Lord Lieutenant's Annual Awards Ceremony unfortunately had to take place via Zoom on 3 March 2021 and was a very closed affair, with families only being allowed to join with the award recipients.

Our congratulations go to Cdt Alfie Lack.



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Grange Community Primary School



Spring into Summer at Grange Primary

Despite the weather not playing ball, we have still enjoyed our first few weeks of the Summer term.

Year Two are developing their green fingers and improving the shared spaces at school. With the hard work of their teacher, Miss Brown, who spent some of her Easter break painting and tidying; and the scavenging skills of the rest of the staff team, Year Two are growing a garden of which we can be proud, right in the quad at the heart of our school. We hope the colourful plants and inviting decoration will entice our children outside with their library books. The garden has already enticed a pigeon to build her nest and lay her eggs in a small bush.

Year Six are about to be the first year group to go on a school coach trip since Covid affected our curriculum plans. Colchester Zoo have developed an exciting mathematics workshop which puts maths skills in to a real life context. I am sure the kids will get to see an animal or two as well. The children, and staff, can't wait to learn away from school. Year Five are back at the pool! We see learning to swim as an essential life skill, especially as we are so close to the sea, so I am really pleased that Felixstowe Leisure Centre have welcomed us back each Friday.

Earlier this year, the children, staff and parents worked together to identify the six most essential values we wanted to share and develop at Grange. The responses were really consistent and we have been able to connect all our learning and behaviours through these values. Following that, we were able to work with a Graphic Design student from University of Suffolk, Daisy Sturgeon, to design icons for each value so they are easier for us to recall. She also re-designed our school logo to incorporate our heart motif without losing our recognisable oak tree.

Here are the values which sit beneath our mission statement: "Fostering Learning at the Heart of Our Community".



Felixstowe International College

Open event and Summer Fair :

The staff and students at Felixstowe International College warmly invite you to our Open Event and Summer Fair on Friday 25th June.

Come along and find out more about us and perhaps take one of the tours of the school buildings to view our day school and boarding facilities. Our senior leadership team will welcome any questions you may have, including enquiries about our substantial scholarship offers.

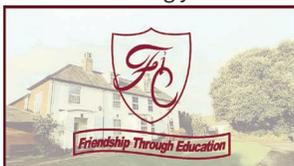
Outdoor activities will include classic fair games, such as tombola, ring toss, hook a duck and lucky dip, plus additions of Nerf gun target shooting and beat the goalie. Craft activities and face painting will be on offer and we'll have a wide selection of clothing and household items in our jumble and bric-a-brac sales.

Enjoy the barbecue burgers, ice lollies, cakes, candy floss and refreshments on sale, while being entertained by live performances from our students.

You may also try your hand at some science experiments and maths challenges and learn all about South Korea, one of the countries many of our boarding students come from.

All proceeds from this event will go to fund resources for the local group Litter Free Felixstowe.

Entry is free and visitors of all ages are very welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.



Special offer: a free cupcake for the first 50 visitors!

Felixstowe International College,
Maybush Lane, IP11 7NA

Langer Primary Academy



Over the course of the last six weeks, Langer Primary Academy and Westcliff care home have been involved in an intergenerational project, coordinated by Steph Stanhope, where groups of the younger and older generations have had weekly virtual sessions to build links and connections. These sessions have been action packed with fun and activities to do together (even through the computers!). The group have been singing, played games, grown cress, made arts and crafts, and checked in with each other about how they are feeling that day.

The goal of the project was to build links within the Felixstowe community, and bring positivity to all those involved, and it certainly succeeded. Steph Stanhope, project co-ordinator, said she has really enjoyed seeing the connections develop between the children & older adults over the course of the 6 weeks.

One of the residents said she enjoyed 'how enthusiastic everyone was when taking part in all the activities!' and Peter said, 'it would be fun and nice to meet up together when we can!' Millie-Jo, a Year 3 pupil at Langer was asking every week when they were having their meeting with the care home, and told her mum that she was, "super-excited" for the sessions every week.

The sessions ended with a virtual goodbye party, with cakes, goodbye letters and balloons! We are now looking to extend this project as a weekly enrichment activity in the schools. Patzy at Langer has said she is, "so sad for the sessions to be over!"



The Federation of
Fairfield and Colneis



The Federation of Fairfield Infant and Colneis Junior are delighted with the response they have received from the local community following the launch of their Community Connections project. In March, all 653 pupils from Nursery to Year 6, either wrote a letter or created a beautiful picture which was mailed to local residents who had been isolated due to COVID-19 restrictions in the hopes of bringing a smile to their day. Linking with Felixstowe Helping Hands, another locally run initiative that was established to assist the people of Felixstowe whilst in isolation, the school has received over 200 replies which have been directed back to the children.

Commenting about the project, Executive Headteacher Mr Mark Girling said 'When first initiating this project, one of our main aims was to model what compassion for others looks like in a practical way. Although there was no expectation for the recipients to write back, we have received an overwhelming number of replies which the children have loved sharing with the rest of their class.'

Following the success of our first mail out, the children are now in the process of writing a second letter, some responding to their reply, and others linking with local care homes and further local residents who are on the Felixstowe Helping Hands database. Speaking on behalf of Felixstowe Helping Hands, Mr Darren Aitchison commented 'It's great that so many people took the time to reply. This project is a really positive example of different groups combining ideas for the good of the community. We are proud to be part of this and look forward to being involved in future events and projects.'

It is hoped that as restrictions start to lift, the Federation of Fairfield and Colneis will be able to invite those who have been connected to the project to join them for a Community event, continuing to nurture the links that have been made.



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Community Grant Scheme

Does your Community Group have a project or equipment in need of funding?

£25,000 has been made available this year to support community organisations which are able to demonstrate a clear need for financial support and which contribute towards the vision and aims for Felixstowe. Projects and activities must have a specific benefit to residents of Felixstowe. Last year, grants required to provide aid for the Coronavirus took priority, but some great local projects were funded including:



An outdoor shelter, shelving and individual stationery packs for the 6th Old Felixstowe Scout Group

A slow cooker project launched with Rural Caravan with the help of BASIC Life provided slow cookers, with recipe books to support members of the community in need of a way to cook warm nourishing meals at low cost



Equipment to set up an accessible internet facility at St Philip's Community Hub.



If you would like further information on how your organisation can apply for a grant, please see our website for further details felixstowe.gov.uk/grants or contact Debbie on 01394 288192 or email debbie.frost@felixstowe.gov.uk



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Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

As reported in the Spring edition, Council's CIL Working Group has been seeking your input and ideas for projects that the Council can support through its CIL funding (which currently stands at just over £50,000) over the next few years. The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a planning charge, introduced by the Planning Act 2008 as a tool for local authorities to help deliver infrastructure to support the development of their area. Whilst the planning authority (East Suffolk Council) retains 85% of CIL receipts, the Town Council does receive a portion of the funds (15%).

We are grateful to have received numerous suggestions, too many to list here, such as:

- Band stand
- Improvements to the Town Centre Triangle area
- Boating lake
- Projects for Active Zones
- Public art/sculpture

Though CIL funding received by the Town Council must be spent within 5 years of receipt, the Council has a good track record of delivering significant improvements with these funds, previously using CIL to leverage additional investment to enhance three play areas in the town.

The Working Group is currently collating the ideas received from the community within a Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan (PIIP) to prioritise projects for the town.

The guidance shown at east.suffolk.gov.uk/assets/Planning/Community-Infrastructure-Levy/Parish-Support/CIL-Parish-Guidance.pdf details the process of payments made to parish and town councils and what it can be spent on.

Felixstowe Town Council always welcomes your ideas for improvements to the town – whether relevant to 'CIL' or not – please email your suggestions to 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. Tell us who your community heroes have been over the past year and nominate them for a Mayor's Award.

Nomination forms are available from felixstowe.gov.uk/civic-awards or by telephoning 01394 282086. All entries must be completed and returned to Felixstowe Town Council, Town Hall, Felixstowe IP11 2AG or email sue.faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk.

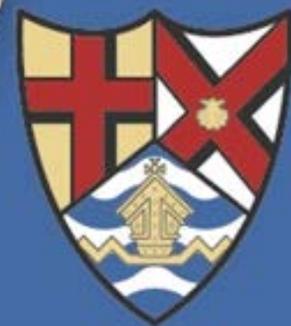
NOMINATE YOUR COMMUNITY HEROES!

Tell us who **you** think is so inspiring that they deserve to be recognised with a Civic Award



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Mayors Summary

Summing up his year in office at the Annual Council meeting on 5th May, the Mayor of Felixstowe for the 2020/21 Municipal Year, Cllr Mark Jepson said "What an interesting year it has been. Both myself and the Mayoress were aware when we took office that the year was going to be vastly different from any other. In some respects, it may have been more rewarding than I was particularly expecting. In total I have managed to achieve 154 'engagements', unfortunately the majority of these were virtual engagements, however, it gave me the opportunity to promote various businesses, community groups, volunteers and campaigns. It demonstrated our town's outstanding community spirit and on behalf of the town, I thank you. As we emerge from the restrictions, we hope our town can start to recover economically and physically." The full version of the Mayor's report and the Council's Annual Report for 2020/21 can be found on our website www.felixstowe.gov.uk.

Community Grants

Council awarded £48,224 via its Occasional and Annual Grants scheme, supporting 35 local organisations and projects during 2020/21. This year Council has also in addition to its £25,000 Occasional Grants fund, allocated £25,000 to a new Community Support Fund to aid with Community recovery from the pandemic.

The Council has also donated £10,000 to the Felixstowe Relief Charity in support of its aims to help individuals and those in need during the coronavirus crisis.



This fund provided grants for 3D printers, materials for scrubs and helped Felixstowe's Helping Hand's volunteers obtain shopping for those residents who were self-isolating.



Council Communications

We aim to keep you informed about the work of the Town Council, our partners and matters of community interest through a variety of media. 2020-21 saw the introduction of virtual Council and Committee meetings, via the conferencing platform 'Zoom'. We welcomed regular public participation and attendance by the local press. In addition to this quarterly magazine, we delivered two coronavirus bulletins to all households giving key information about the range of support and services available during the lockdown periods. We hope you found these helpful. Information about our services, meeting agendas and minutes are available on our website www.felixstowe.gov.uk, and shared via our Twitter @FelixstoweTC and Facebook pages FelixstoweTownCouncil – as well as being physically displayed on the noticeboard outside the Town Hall.

Digital Community Directory Project

This key project, which achieved funding during the 2020-21 financial year, will result in an online and customised directory of all our community groups, organisations, clubs and societies on the Town Council's website. Working with the Felixstowe Peninsula Community Partnership, which part-funded the project, the Town Council will provide a hub for residents to find local upcoming events and groups of interest. Launching this summer, community groups will be able to create event listings for their own activities and manage their online profiles – if you are involved in a local community group, we want to hear from you!

CCTV Review

The Town Council, together with East Suffolk Council and the Suffolk Constabulary, has started to review the town's CCTV provision with a view to upgrading the quality and improving the coverage by July 2022.

Budget and Precept

At the end of the financial year, the income outturn for 2020/21 was close to budget estimates at 98.2% and expenditure was 90.2%. The pandemic, which could not have been anticipated when the budget was set in January 2020, affected the Council's income and expenditure to a similar level. This meant that, with effective management of budget and reserves, the Town Council was able to freeze its portion of the council tax (the 'precept') for the forthcoming 2021/22 financial year, with Councillors voting for a 0% increase. This means that annual Band D equivalent cost will remain at £70.87, representing just under 4% of the total council tax bill. The other 96% of which is split between Suffolk County Council, East Suffolk Council and Suffolk Constabulary.

Council also holds ring-fenced funds for future projects and contingencies, known as 'Earmarked Reserves', and these are reviewed at least once annually to ensure appropriate provisions are in place.

| Financial Summary | | | |
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| | 2019/20 Actual | 2020/21 Actual | 2021/22 Budget (Est.) |
| General Fund Balance at 1 April | £385,601 | £447,003 | £449,936 |
| Earmarked Reserves | £623,466 | £618,333 | £680,219 |
| Total Income | £796,261 | £766,706 | £761,888 |
| Total Expenditure | £739,991 | £701,888 | £759,861 |
| General Fund Balance at 31 March | £447,003 | £449,936 | £479,136 |
| (of which Earmarked Reserves) | £618,333 | £680,219 | £653,046 |

Coronavirus and Budget Estimates

As stated above, the coronavirus affected Council's income and expenditure throughout 2020-21, which could not have been foreseen when the budget was finalised at the start of 2020. Council's Finance & Governance Committee closely monitored and reviewed the financial position regularly during the year. The loss of income which would have otherwise been received from the room hire, weddings, rent and hall bookings was somewhat offset by reduced utility and service costs and the cancellation of the most Council events. In setting its budget for 2021-22, Council took a cautiously optimistic approach, basing estimates on a more 'normal' year. Due to careful budgeting in recent years, the Council's reserves are able to offer some protection against unforeseen variables.

Audit and Accounts

The 2020/21 Audit is being undertaken by PKF Littlejohn LLP in July 2021 and the audited accounts should be available on our website from September 2021. Internal audits were conducted twice in 2020/21 with all procedures found to be in order.

Upgrade of IT Systems and telephones

The requirement to 'work from home' accelerated the Council's IT programme and the Finance & Governance Committee oversaw a wide-ranging upgrade of IT during 2020/21. The move to cloud-based file servers, mobile computing hardware and a software-based telephone system has transformed the way in which Council staff are able to work – now fully connected whether from home, at the Town Hall or at other sites. Improvements to digital conferencing services at the Town Hall, enabling remote participation at meetings by Councillors and members of the public, are underway and should be ready for when government legislation catches up.

Health & Safety

Risk Assessments reflecting special rules and new regulations were introduced during the year to ensure our premises could operate in a Covid-Secure way. Our buildings, which are regularly and thoroughly cleaned, now have hand sanitisers available at entrances and public areas. Guidance and information are available throughout our buildings, on our land and online. The Town Hall has remained open to the public, via appointment only, throughout 2020/21 using the track and trace QR codes.

Climate Emergency

Since Council declared a Climate Emergency in July 2019, our carbon footprint has been high on the agenda. Councillors consider biodiversity and environmental impact at the heart of all our decision-making. Our dedicated Climate Emergency Working Group has met often to review processes, services, products and actions and to raise awareness locally.

Action we've taken so far.....

Felixstowe Town Council is committed to doing as much as it can at a local level to work towards carbon neutrality and protect and enhance thriving ecosystems within and around our community. The Town Council has been recognised amongst parish and town council across the Eastern region as leading the way.



- Cycle to Work Scheme
- No Idling promotion in Schools
- Re-wilding in Langley Avenue
- Introduced Single use Plastic Policy
- Encouraging Wildlife at the Cemetery
- Reducing use of Pesticides
- Separating and recycling waste
- Car Sharing to meetings pre-Covid, enabling meetings to go online to reduce driving during Covid.
- Replacing all lights at end of their life with LED
- Insulating to 270mm in uninsulated roof spaces
- Investigating battery rechargeable power tools for replacing all tools at end of life
- Using 100% renewable energy Suppliers
- Grey Water used for watering Felixstowe in Flower baskets

Council had Energy Performance Certificates and Display Energy Certificates carried out last year and have used these as a baseline for improvement.

There is no doubt that the pandemic helped our carbon footprint in 2020 which went from an estimated 43.37 tonnes CO2 in 2019 to 23.5 tonnes CO2 in 2020.

Environmental plans for the future...

Council would like to work with the community to help achieve environmental carbon reducing projects, such as a Repair Café to encourage repairing items rather than purchasing new; a 'Library of Things' to enable easy borrowing of items such as tools as opposed to purchasing, and to help the Allotment Association FAA become a 'Champion' for composting.

Any organisation who would like a grant to help set up any environmental project please contact us.

Wicker Family

The Town Council was delighted to support the return of the Wicker family, who had become a familiar and popular attraction in the Seafrost Gardens.



Remembrance

The Council and the Felixstowe Branch of the Royal British Legion supported several commemorative events in the town in 2020 including VE Day, VJ Day albeit broadcasted online this year. We were particularly impressed with the artwork that was produced by local Schools. This included hand painted stones placed inside a cross alongside giant poppies.



Felixstowe Library

The Civic & Community Committee were delighted that Council approved their suggested funding of £10,000 be authorized via the Community Fund Earmarked Reserve towards a complete refurbishment of the Children's Library which included bright and new shelves, storage and furniture with a seaside theme; facilities suitable for children with special needs (eg sensory wall and 'hideaways') and moveable equipment to allow space for large children's events with new carpet and re-decoration.



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Hall hire and Weddings

Following Government guidance, many bookings had to be postponed during 2020/21. All buildings have undergone a programme of redecoration during this time so that the Town Hall and Walton Community Hall remain popular and competitively priced venues for hire.

Cemetery

Skips are now being used to segregate green waste from non-recyclables more effectively. A project to rewild the verges either side of Langley Avenue has begun, and it is hoped that with the help of some wildflowers sewn on the verges this will encourage wildlife. Nesting boxes, a bird bath and bird tables have also been installed across the cemetery. A new Memorial Headstone Testing Procedure has been put in place and is available on the Town Council Website or on request.

Allotments

The Town Council manages five allotment sites and, in conjunction with the Felixstowe Allotment Association (FAA), is currently working on trying to reduce the number of bonfires and finding ways to support tenants on alternative ways of disposing their green waste. The sites are maintained to a high standard and the availability of allotments has been regularly promoted in the Council's magazine. As a result, the interest and demand for plots has increased over the past 12 months and there is now a waiting list.

Langley Avenue Playing Fields

Discussions are being held with Felixstowe School and Suffolk County Council on the possibility of taking over responsibility of this land opposite the cemetery to provide increased community sports use of this site and ensure it remains in public ownership.

Leases and Licences

The Council licences serviced offices at the Town Hall for the Suffolk County Council Registrar team, Felixstowe Forward and East Suffolk Council's Beach Huts and Chalet Administrator to support the provision of these services locally. Although the staff from these organisations have been working from home recently, the licence has been renewed and we anticipate the services being back on site soon.

Trim Trail & Accessible Beach Hut Area

Council has been involved in East Suffolk Council's proposal and plans to relocate the Trim Trail equipment to accommodate an accessible beach hut village on the site. A new 'Active Zone' will relocate the Trim Trail and host a range of additional activities for public use.



Planning & Environment

During 2020/21 the Planning & Environment Committee considered a total of 202 local planning applications. Committee noted that on 93.2% occasions (151 of 162 reported decisions) East Suffolk Council has concurred with the Town Council's recommendation. Of those cases where there was contrasting view, a referral panel at East Suffolk Council reviewed the Town Council's recommendations before deciding whether to refer the application to the District Council's Planning Committee for determination.

Council received CIL payments from East Suffolk Council totalling £17,291.40 in 2020/21. These funds are held in a separate Earmarked Reserve and are ringfenced to support appropriate projects within a five-year timescale allowed by legislation. Consultation has taken place to identify suitable projects and a Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan (PIIP) is being drawn up to prioritise these in advance of delivery.

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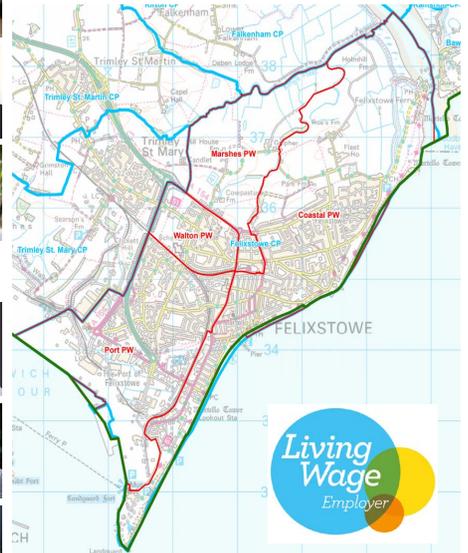
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Felixstowe Town Council Meetings

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Deputy Mayor of Felixstowe: Cllr Sharon Harkin

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| 23 June | Planning & Environment | 9.15am |
| 23 June | Full Council | 7.30pm |
| 7 July | Planning & Environment | 9.15am |
| 7 July | Assets & Services | 7.30pm |
| 14 July | Finance & Governance | 7.30pm |
| 21 July | Planning & Environment | 9.15am |
| 4 August | Planning & Environment | 9.15am |
| 18 August | Planning & Environment | 9.15am |
| 8 September | Planning & Environment | 9.15am |
| 8 September | Full Council | 7.30pm |
| 15 September | Civic & Community | 7.30pm |

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