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MORE REASONS TO BE PROUD OF YOUR DISTRICT

An important new survey has confirmed what most residents already know - what a great place Suffolk Coastal is to live.

The Local Futures Group has produced a detailed report based on economic, social and environmental data about the district, and then compared it with the rest of the country.

This district scores highly, with a ranking of the fourth safest, 30th healthiest and 34th best natural environment in Britain.

It is little wonder that residents have given the district some of the highest satisfaction ratings ever measured by pollsters. It all goes to prove that Suffolk Coastal is where quality of life counts.

For more details see pages eight and nine.

SKATE INTO SUMMER!

Young people aged eight or over can have a wheely good summer with a visit to Suffolk Coastal's new mobile skatepark.



"The skatepark will provide a supervised, safe and enjoyable environment with basic coaching with lots of safety tips, and skateboards, helmets and pads which can be borrowed on the day. I am sure this will be a big hit with our young people, and it is just one of a host of summer activities from Active Leisure," said Cllr Maggy Wilson, Cabinet Member for Community Well-being.

The skatepark will be at Kesgrave High School on Mondays July 25, August 1, 8, 15 and 22; Leiston Leisure Centre car park on Tuesdays July 26, August 2, 9, 16 and 23; Farlingaye High School, Woodbridge on Wednesdays July 27, August 3, 10, 17 and 24; and

Saxmundham Middle School on Thursdays July 28, August 4, 11, 18 and 25. On each day there is coaching between 11am and 12 noon, and skating from 12.15pm to 3pm. Each session costs £1 per person.

For more information, or to find how to bring the skatepark to your area, call Active Leisure on 01394 444652, or email active.leisure@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk
See the back page for Active Leisure's Summer of Fun.

LEADERS WANT CLOSER TIES BETWEEN SUFFOLK'S COUNCILS

Leaders and Chief Executives of local authorities across Suffolk have agreed to find new ways of working together. Their aims are to improve customer service, reduce costs and free up money to be re-invested in frontline services.

Suffolk Coastal's Leader, Councillor Ray Herring, hosted a meeting in June at Woodbridge attended by Leaders, other senior councillors

and Chief Executives from all the county's district and borough councils, plus the County Council.

After the meeting the Leaders issued a joint statement setting out their aims:

"The people of Suffolk want value for money and good service in all aspects of their lives. Modern, well-regarded organisations are

successful because they focus on meeting the needs of the people they serve. They put the customer before organisational or professional boundaries. They put value before cost, and simplicity before complexity. The same can and must be true in local government.

"We believe Suffolk people want us to work together in this way.

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COASTLINE

CoastLine is also available in large print or on audio tape for blind or partially-sighted residents. Call 01394 444345.

There are already examples of how authorities are achieving improved services through partnerships across the county.

"We are committed to extending this work. We are committed to working better together to bring about long-lasting changes that deliver real benefits to the people of Suffolk."

NEW FACE AT HELM

Stephen Baker will this summer take on the post of Chief Executive at Suffolk Coastal after councillors backed a recommendation to appoint him to replace Jan Ormondroyd who has now left to join Hull City Council.

Currently the Chief Executive of East Northamptonshire Council, Mr Baker worked at Ipswich Borough Council between 1982 and 2002 where he was the assistant to the Chief Executive.



Stephen Baker looking forward to taking up his new post at Suffolk Coastal in September

"After a comprehensive and thorough interview process, I am very pleased that the Appointments Committee could recommend that Stephen Baker be appointed as our new Chief Executive being the outstanding person from a quality range of candidates," said Councillor Ray Herring, Leader of Suffolk Coastal.

"The Appointments Committee felt that Stephen, who has a Suffolk background, demonstrated

a real understanding of a rural district like Suffolk Coastal and the continued need to balance our very attractive and unique environment against the many pressures and opportunities of modern life," added Cllr Ray Herring.

Over 30 applications were received, with the final five being interviewed by the Appointments Committee, made up of six councillors including Cllr Herring.

LAST CHANCE SALOON

Anyone holding a Justices licence, a public entertainment licence or similar permission has until August 6 this year to convert them under the new licensing regime. As long as Suffolk Coastal's licensing team receive an application by the deadline, and accept it as complete, people will be able to meet the Government's cut-off point.

The warning to anyone missing the August 6 deadline is that any

existing licences will not be valid after November 24 this year, even if they have an expiry date later than that. While licence-holders may be finding the paperwork needed for the August 6 deadline a bit complicated, anyone missing it will have to start the whole licensing process from scratch, which is even more time-consuming. For more information and advice, call the licensing team on 01394 444802.

CABINET BACKS DRINKING BANS

Suffolk Coastal's Cabinet has given its go-ahead for the police to be given extra powers to tackle anti-social drinking in public in parts of Leiston and Woodbridge town centres, which should be in place by September.

In the designated areas the police would have the power to require someone to stop drinking alcohol if requested and to hand over the

drink. Failure to comply would be an arrestable offence, with a potential fine of up to £500.

The designated areas will be clearly marked by special signs, with 60 planned for Woodbridge and 30 for Leiston. The local town councils and the police identified that they have a problem with anti-social behaviour linked to drinking in public places.

MALCOLM MINNS IS NEW CHAIRMAN

Councillor Malcolm Minns was elected as the new Chairman of Suffolk Coastal District Council at May's Annual Meeting of the Council.

Elected to the Council in 1995, he currently represents the Felixstowe South-East ward and has been a member of Felixstowe Town Council since 1992, twice serving as Mayor of the town.

Born in Bury St Edmunds, Councillor Minns moved to Felixstowe in 1991, prior to which he and his wife Josephine ran the Post Office Stores at Ufford for five and a half years. They will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year, and have three children and six grandchildren.

"I look forward to my year in office and during this time I will actively be encouraging the Council's mission to improve its links with the public and other partner organisations. As Chairman I provide civic and ceremonial



The new Council Chairman

leadership of the Council and chair and manage the meetings of Full Council, ensuring that the Constitution is upheld. It is the duty of the Chairman to rise above party politics and to act as the Council's representative at about 200 formal or informal public engagements a year," added Councillor Minns.

Councillor Sir Peter Batho was elected Vice-Chairman and the outgoing Chairman was Councillor Trevor Hawkins.

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SCS provide the following services: Refuse Collection, Recycling, Street Cleansing, Abandoned Vehicles, Car Parks, Pest Control, Public Conveniences, Coast Protection, Ground Maintenance	
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<i>These are managed by Suffolk Coastal Leisure Community Association Limited.</i>	
Tourist Information Centres	Aldeburgh 01728 453637 Felixstowe 01394 276770 Woodbridge 01394 382240
Suffolk Coastal ... where quality of life counts	
* Suffolk County Council is responsible for Education, Social Services and Highways	

SERVING ALL THE COMMUNITY!

Suffolk Coastal is putting to the test its commitment to ensuring its services are accessible by reviewing all its services.

Over the next three years, as part of its Services for All policy, the Council will assess how accessible its services are and introduce improvements to the way they are provided where appropriate.

"This is a large district with differing needs and we want to ensure that we make our services equally available to everyone regardless of whether they live in one of our towns or a remote rural village, and whatever their income, education, sex, race, disability or religious beliefs," said Cllr Doreen Savage, Cabinet Member for Customers and Partners.

Suffolk Coastal is committed to treating all people with dignity and respect, providing high quality

services that are appropriate and accessible to all sectors of the community, and consulting local communities to identify their needs and, where practical, to deliver services to meet those needs.

The Council also wants to encourage and enable all members of the community to participate in local decision-making, to treat people fairly as an employer, promote equality and diversity, and work with others to promote equal opportunities.

"We provide a wide range of services and, while I am sure we do not deliberately exclude some parts of our community, it is important that we double-check that we are being fair to everyone. Services for All is what we should be doing already, and this new commitment will ensure that we are," added Cllr Savage.

SHOWING THE ROAD TO A HEALTHIER LIFE

A roadshow offering information and advice on where and how people can improve their quality of life is touring the district.

Organised by a partnership of Suffolk Coastal, Suffolk Coastal Primary Care Trust and the voluntary sector, the aim is to put people in touch with the local organisations that can help them and also promote healthy living.

"This district is officially one of the healthiest in the country, but we know that there are still many people who experience poor health or stress-related problems without knowing who they can turn to," said Councillor Sherrie Green, Cabinet Member for Community & Well-being.

"This roadshow will help people get in touch with the large local network of organisations that can help, with lots of information on what our hardworking voluntary sector can offer and how a healthy lifestyle may also contribute to a feeling of well-being.

"People who want to get more active in their community by giving up some of their spare time, can also visit the roadshow," continued Councillor Green.

There will be various activities to take part in including quizzes, a prize draw and exercise and the Rural Coffee Caravan will also be visiting some of the venues.

The 'Helping Us to Help You' roadshow is open from 10am to 3pm at:

Westleton – the Barrel Fair on Sunday, August 21

Tesco Car Park, Martlesham Heath on Friday, September 9

Somerfield Car Park, Saxmundham on Friday, September 16

Woodbridge Turban Centre car park on Thursday, September 29

Any local community or voluntary group who would like information displayed at the roadshow can contact Sharon Jarrett at Suffolk Coastal on 01394 444697 or email sharon.jarrett@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

KAREN HELPS COASTAL CARD MAKE A BIG SPLASH



Karen, centre, with Cllr Trevor Hawkins the former Council Chairman, left and Albert Webster, far right, and winners celebrate the launch of Coastal Card.

Karen Pickering, Britain's most decorated female swimmer, launched the Coastal Card, the new leisure card already saving pounds for regular users of Suffolk Coastal's indoor sporting facilities.

The Coastal Card offers reduced pay and play prices at each of the Council's four leisure centres as well as priority terms for a number of bookable sessions such as badminton and squash courts. It also offers a big discount for cardholders on Active Leisure activities.

Over 2,000 residents have already bought a Coastal Card, which costs £10 for adults and £5 for senior citizens, under 19s, disabled people and other concessionary groups. For people living outside of the district the cost is £20 and £10.

Joining Karen at the launch were ten leisure centre users who had entered a lucky draw, plus Albert Webster who represented his country at the Helsinki Olympic Games in 1952 when he finished 5th in the 880 yards final. Karen presented Albert and the winners with a free Coastal Card, while they modelled the Coastal Card t-shirts that they had also won.

"Coastal Card has been produced as a result of a partnership between the Council and Suffolk

Coastal Community Leisure Associations Ltd, the local branch of DC Leisure which manages our sports centres. I hope as many people as possible dive in and buy the card which is their passport to cheaper leisure in our district," said Councillor Maggy Wilson, Cabinet Member for Community & Well-being.

"Our cardholders get a real double bonus, as the price they pay for using our leisure centres will drop back to the rate charged in March and they will not be affected by the price increases introduced on June 3. Even after the increase, our prices for non-card holders will still be cheaper than other competing leisure facilities because we manage to provide quality services at a value-for-money price," added Cllr Wilson.

To get a card, just pop into your local leisure centre at Felixstowe Leisure Centre, Brackenhurst Sports Centre, Leiston Leisure Centre or Deben Pool in Woodbridge and pick up a form, or visit Suffolk Coastal's website www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

Completed application forms plus payment can be taken to any of the leisure centres or posted to Felixstowe Leisure Centre, Seaford, Felixstowe, IP11 2AE.

DON'T RUBBISH OUR DISTRICT!

The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act, passed in April, gives local district, parish and community councils and the Environment Agency more effective powers and tools to tackle poor environmental quality and anti-social behaviour such as litter, waste, abandoned vehicles and dogs.

Cleaning up the district costs Council Tax payers £600,000 a year, which includes Suffolk Coastal's street cleansing and litter patrols, as well as the support for local litter pick initiatives. The Council also issues Fixed Penalty Notices to people caught littering or failing to clear up dog mess.

Litter officially includes cigarettes, chewing gum and items thrown from a car window or into a river, pond or lake. If the offender does

not pay the Fixed Penalty Notice of £50, they can face a fine of up to £1,000 for dog fouling or £2,500 for littering.

"There is no excuse for dropping litter as the district is well served with Council bins at over 1,500 locations, we operate a low-cost special collection service for unwanted household items and there are three County-run household waste sites where household items can be disposed of free of charge," said Councillor Andrew Nunn, Cabinet Member for the Environment, Natural and Built.

Suffolk Coastal can visit schools to talk to pupils about litter and its environmental impact and any school interested in receiving a visit can contact the waste management team on 01394 444033.

BROWN BINS ARE A GARDENER'S FRIEND



Residents are being urged to get into the habit of taking their Suffolk Coastal brown wheelie bin around their garden to help take the strain out of weeding and tidying.

Over 99 per cent of homes in the district have been offered the wheeled bin service for garden waste and in the 11 weeks since the start of April a massive 3,000 tonnes have been collected.

In April, the Coastal Ploughback

brown bin service was extended to nearly 19,000 more homes, meaning that over 50,000 are now served with a fortnightly collection.

The material is taken by Suffolk Coastal Services to Viridor Waste (Suffolk) Ltd who turn it into soil improver available at the County Council's household waste recycling centres at Felixstowe, Foxhall and Leiston, or directly from Viridor in large quantities for agricultural and horticultural use on 01473 836903.

For more information about recycling in Suffolk Coastal call the recycling team on 01394 444000 or email waste.management@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

See the special offer below if you want an extra brown bin.

DISTRICT'S TOP BEACHES

The Dip at Felixstowe has again won a Rural Seaside Award, along with the rural ones at Aldeburgh, Thorpeness and Sizewell. The main resort beach at Felixstowe South was honoured with its Blue Flag for the fifth year running.

Only 221 others in the country have met the standard set by the ENCAMS Seaside Awards which recognise clean, well-managed beaches with good water quality, and which measures nearly 20 different criteria.

Need an extra bin to feed your recycling habit?

Is one brown bin enough to cope with all your garden waste?

Residents across the district have been using Suffolk Coastal's brown wheelie bins to recycle their garden waste every fortnight but many people have asked if they could have a second one because they are producing too much for one bin and/or their compost bin.

Suffolk Coastal Services Ltd is now offering all residents on the Coastal Ploughback scheme the chance for an extra brown bin for only £29.38 a year.

To get a booking form or to find out more call the helpline on 01394 444000.



NEW FACES IN CABINET AFTER COUNTY HEADHUNTING

Suffolk Coastal's Cabinet has two new members replacing two councillors who have joined the equivalent policy-making body in the new-look Suffolk County Council. Short-term cover has also been provided for the Deputy Leader.

Stephen Burroughes has rejoined the Cabinet with responsibility for Rural Issues, and Sherrie Green takes on the role of Community Well-being. The rest of the Cabinet remains unchanged.

"I am pleased to welcome Stephen back into the Cabinet and Sherrie for the first time to take on these two key posts. They have a tough act to follow as Patricia O'Brien and Colin Hart have both stamped their own mark with skill and enthusiasm on the services for which they had responsibility. Their success was obviously a factor in them gaining their new roles at Suffolk County Council," said Councillor Ray Herring, Leader of the Council.

"I hope that Colin and Patricia will be at the heart of the drive to improve partnership working between the County Council and Suffolk's district and borough councils. The goal has to be to ensure that, as in this district, the focus is on improving services while identifying ways of providing them more efficiently," added Cllr Herring.

Cllr O'Brien and Cllr Hart will remain District Councillors for their respective Nacton and Hacheston seats.

"The Deputy Leader Andy Smith is taking a short sabbatical from Cabinet duties to assist recovery from a heart attack earlier in the year. An experienced pair of hands in the form of Councillor Rae Leighton has joined the Cabinet to cover the Environment Natural and Built portfolio (Planning and Coast Protection). Chris Slemmings will be taking on the Deputy Leader's role over the same period," added Cllr Herring.

Suffolk Coastal's New Cabinet in full

Cllr Ray Herring – Leader of the Council

– Council policy and strategy, external issues

Cllr Chris Slemmings – Deputy Leader of the Council, Housing

– homelessness, housing advice, travellers, housing benefits, fraud investigations, NHS scrutiny

Cllr Rae Leighton – Environment Natural and Built

– Planning/Local Plan, building control, conservation and design, rights of way, coastal management, car parks, South Seafront

Cllr Stephen Burroughes – Rural Issues

– accessibility, transport, concessionary fares, communications, parish liaison, community grants, IT/ICT, Best Value

Cllr Andrew Nunn – Environment Natural and Built

– environmental protection, pollution control, waste management, local agenda 21

Cllr John Perry – Economy

– economic development and policy, regional economy, European issues, tourist information

Cllr Doreen Savage – Customers and Partners

– customer service centre, consultation, partnerships, local strategic partnership, Member training, social inclusion, young people

Cllr Robert Whiting – Fiscal and Democratic Process

– democratic services, land charges, Council Tax/NNDR, accounting, audit/risk management, asset management/estates, budgets, human resources

Cllr Maggy Wilson – Community Well-being

– leisure, theatre and arts, countryside management, older people

Cllr Sherrie Green – Community Well-being

– food and safety, community safety, Port health, health promotion, licensing, emergency planning.

BOTH DISTRICT MPS RE-ELECTED ON BIG ELECTION NIGHT



The full result for the Suffolk Coastal Parliamentary constituency was Richard Curtis (UK Independence Party) 2,020, John Gummer (Conservative) 23,415, David Rowe (Labour) 13,730, Paul Whitlow (Green) 1,755, and David Young (Liberal Democrat) 11,637. Mr Gummer held the seat with a majority of 9,685 after a turn-out of 67.84%.

Voters on Thursday, May 5 had the chance to elect both their local MP and County Councillor, with both sitting MPs being returned to Westminster with increased majorities.

Counting for the Suffolk Coastal constituency was held at Suffolk Police's Martlesham headquarters where the result was announced at 2.25am, before the election team began work on totting up the votes in the County elections which saw the final result declared at nearly 5am.

The result in the Central Suffolk and North Ipswich constituency was Andrew Hall (Liberal Democrats) 10,709, Michael Lord (Conservative) 22,333, Neil MacDonald (Labour) 14,477, John West (UK Independence Party) 1,754, and Martin Stuart Wolfe (Green) 1,593. The seat was held with a majority of 7,856 after a turn-out of 66.7%.

May's elections saw the district return 13 Conservative councillors to County



John Gummer MP (left) and other images from election night

headquarters. The full list of those elected is as follows:

Aldeburgh and Leiston - Ronald Ward; Blything - Rae Leighton; Carlford - Peter Bellfield; Felixstowe Coastal (two seats) - Graham Newman and Ann Rodwell; Felixstowe North and Trimley - John Goodwin; Framlingham - Colin Hart; Kesgrave and Rushmere St Andrew (two seats) - Steven Hudson and John Klaschka; Martlesham - Patricia O'Brien;



Wickham - Clare Aitchison; Wilford - Rosemary Clarke; Woodbridge - Ben Redsell. The successful candidates were elected for a four-year term.

SPRING CLEANING THE DISTRICT

Twelve hundred volunteers collected 2,000 black sacks full of rubbish as part of this year's Spring Clean supported by Suffolk Coastal.

A total of 57 groups from 49 parishes organised litter picks in their part of the district, with the volunteers coming from town and parish councils, schools, residents' groups and youth groups. Several individuals also volunteered to do their bit by picking up litter.

"Suffolk Coastal regularly monitors the district's cleanliness, and the latest survey has shown that cleanliness has improved

between February and May, and we would like to thank the volunteers who have helped the Council make this improvement," said Councillor Andrew Nunn, Cabinet Member for the Environment, Natural and Built.

You can help keep your community tidy by organising a litter pick and get support from Suffolk Coastal, including sacks, gloves and disposal of collected waste. Contact your parish or town council or call Suffolk Coastal on 01394 444033 or email waste.management@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk



Volunteers helping to clean up Woodbridge Riverside

KEEPING THE RIVERSIDE SHIPSHAPE

Volunteers have joined together to help keep the Woodbridge riverside area free of rubbish and have already collected sacks full of rubbish.

The group behind this project to keep the area between Wilford Bridge and Kyson Point tidy is Woodbridge's Riverside Action Group who want all the community to play a part.

"Lots of local people take regular or occasional walks along the riverside and all we are asking them to do is to agree to be part of a team that takes responsibility for keeping a section of this area clean and tidy," said Martin Wenyon of the Woodbridge and Melton Riverside Action Group.

"We have set up a rota whereby people agree to pick up litter along set parts of the riverside. We need a pool of people who will get into the habit to take a carrier bag with them to pick up rubbish as they go along their normal stroll along the riverside. Working together in partnership, we will be able to make a real impact and make this stretch of the Deben a place of which we can all be proud," added Mr Wenyon.

The litter picking will be an ongoing initiative and is open to everyone to get involved, whether it be on a daily or even monthly basis. To find out more, contact Martin Wenyon on 07734 051305.

PLANNING SUFFOLK COASTAL'S FUTURE

This district is unique in many aspects with its stunning natural beauty, rich mix of wildlife and attractive market towns. For these reasons and more, it is essential that the district evolves in a distinctive and appropriate way and the planning system is the key to achieving this.

Last year the Government introduced the new Local Development Framework (LDF) system to replace the Local Plan and designed to give more involvement to the public in decisions, as well as to provide plans better suited to our local environment.

The first document the Council has produced for the new system is the Suffolk Coastal Local Development Scheme with our schedule of which documents and plans are to be produced, how they will be put together and their timetable.

Throughout the new LDF system, Suffolk Coastal will seek to create new and better communication links with the people who live and work in the district. The LDF process is designed so people can contribute their invaluable local views and opinions into development plans. We want your feedback and comments on all areas of the planning process and have produced the Suffolk Coastal Statement of Community Involvement, the second LDF document and soon to be the subject of public consultation.

As part of our continuing strategy for consultation, a number of workshops have been held across the district this summer for town and parish councils. The aim has been to discuss current and future planning issues with the community and to attract local ideas and suggestions as to how any problems may best be resolved. Topics under particular focus were Affordable Housing,

Community Involvement, and Settlement Policy.

We must now give more consideration to the effect of all plans and policies upon our environment, a focus which is obviously appropriate given the district's many designated natural areas. The Council will adopt a strategy to fully analyse the effects upon the local environment, which will be summarised in the third LDF document, the Sustainability Appraisal. This will also go out to public consultation in the near future.

The next major stage in the new LDF planning process will be the publication of an Options report, anticipated in 2006. This will debate the future of the district in terms of such issues as the location of housing development, the future of villages, transport proposals etc. We will encourage you to become involved and provide your comments and suggestions at that stage.

Details of LDF work so far can be found on the Council's website www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk Until the documents under the new LDF scheme are finalised and adopted, the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan (incorporating the First Alteration) – adopted in 2001, will remain valid in helping councillors and officers decide on planning applications. It will be replaced by a Second Alteration later this year.

SPORTING BOOST

Hopes for an all-weather sports pitch for Felixstowe have received a major boost after Suffolk Coastal agreed to put £90,000 towards the proposed £470,000 development.

Planning permission has been granted and the partnership behind the scheme now hope to attract national funding for the proposed floodlit site at Orwell High School.

FREE ADVICE ON OFFER FROM CAB

Felixstowe and District Citizens Advice Bureau is now holding a regular advice session in the Martlesham Parish Room on the 1st Thursday of each month between 9.30am and 12.30pm, thanks to funding from the Big Lottery.

The Bureau's main office is at 2-6 Orwell Road, Felixstowe and it also goes to Walton Surgery, Haven Health Centre and Lev.2 above Tesco's in Felixstowe. Call 01394 275958 for more details.

SUPPORTING GROUPS ACROSS THE DISTRICT

Suffolk Coastal's commitment to supporting community groups across the district has been underlined by its latest round of grants which have gone to over 40 different organisations.

Nine of the Council's key partner organisations have also been told that this year's grants will in principle be given in the following year, so helping them plan ahead with a bit more certainty. These groups were:- The Rochford Trust £6,650, Cedar House Trust £4,100, Ipswich and Suffolk Council for Racial Equality £1,750, Suffolk Coastal Disability Advice Service £2,000, Coastal Homeless Action Group £7,500, Ipswich Womens Aid £3,250, Landguard Fort Trust £3,000, and Volcare £2,000.

Leiston Town Council was awarded a £2,060 grant as the final instalment of three years of support to assist it with the costs of taking over the Leiston Day Centre.

The other groups that received a grant were Art on the Prom £700, Aldeburgh, Leiston and Saxmundham Volunteer Centre £2,100, Arts,

WHEELCHAIR OPENS UP ACCESS TO ALDEBURGH'S DELIGHTS



Ralph Beckingham, Director of Rethink Disability, tries out the new wheelchair with help from Countryside Ranger Pete Smith.

People with mobility problems no longer have to miss out on some of the wonders of Aldeburgh thanks to a new 'all-terrain' wheelchair that will help them access the beach and local nature reserve.

The specially designed wheelchair was first tested on the shingle beach by representatives from Rethink Disability, the registered charity which works for the right of disabled people to equal participation in every aspect of life, and it was found to be highly successful.

"It has long been the national belief that it is virtually impossible to offer suitable access for

disabled people on shingle beaches, but we decided to challenge that view after a number of people expressed their disappointment that they could not visit Aldeburgh's Scallop," said Cllr Maggy Wilson, Cabinet Member for Community Well-being.

"We set about investigating all the options and found this American-made wheelchair which is especially designed for use on soft or rough ground. With the help of Rethink Disability, we tested it out on the beach and were very pleased to see how successful it was.

"Most of the £3,600 cost of buying the chair and its storage

shed was paid for by donors who contributed to the public subscription for the Scallop, since disabled access was always envisaged as a necessary part of this project. I believe this will be an example for others across the country who are managing similar beaches and I know that fund-raising is being investigated in Felixstowe," added Cllr Wilson.

The wheelchair is stored in the Council's car park in Thorpe Road, and is available for free use for up to two hours per user. The key to the shed can be obtained from the Tourist Information Centre in Aldeburgh between 9am and 5pm on deposit of a Blue Badge, driving licence or similar document.

Framlingham £650, Cold Fair Committee £150, Crossroads (Suffolk Coastal) £400, Dance East £1,000, Disability Advice Service £4,500, Eastern Angles Theatre Company £650, Felixstowe and District Council for Sport and Recreation £650, Felixstowe Area Community Transport Ltd £400, Felixstowe Old Peoples Welfare Association £1,000, Felixstowe Carnival Association £600, Framlingham and District Volunteer Centre £800, Home-Start – Suffolk Coastal £800, Ipswich Transport

Museum £200, Jill Freud and Company £500, Kesgrave and District Youth Forum £1,000, Leiston Childrens Centre Committee £550, Leiston cum Sizewell Town Council £2,500, Level 2 Youth Project £800 (plus £1,000 from Youth Initiatives Budget), Long Shop Museum £2,000, National Coastwatch Institution £800, Pisces Swimming Club £500, Red Rose Chain £400 (plus £500 from Youth Initiatives Budget), Saxmundham Arts and Recreation Trust £800, Saxmundham Sports Running and Fitness Club £200, Sea

Britain – See Felixstowe £1,800, Suffolk Accident Rescue Service £400, Suffolk Coastal Community Partnerships £1,000 (plus £5,000 From the Rural Initiatives Fund), Suffolk Historic Churches Trust £800, Suffolk Real Nappy Network £400, The Poetry Trust £800, The Voluntary Help Centre £150, Woodbridge Town Centre Management Group £800, Woodbridge Community Tennis Partnership £400, Woodbridge Regatta Association £400, Yoxford Arts Festival up to £1,500.



PUTTING THE ON

This year's Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) and Corporate Scorecard heavily features the findings of a special report commissioned by Suffolk Coastal to give an independent audit rating to all aspects of life in the district.

The Local Futures Group based its final report on all the available economic, social and environmental data to give a snapshot of your district and how it compares to other areas.

By using similar statistical data for the other 407 districts in Britain, Local Futures were able to draw up a ranking list showing how we compare with others.

The results were very encouraging and will enable Suffolk Coastal and other organisations working in the district or providing services to fine-tune their policies to meet the needs of the local community. Over these two pages we explain more about this important report about life in Suffolk Coastal.

A WORD FROM Cllr Ray Herring, Leader of Suffolk Coastal

This important report highlights what we residents already knew – that this is a great district in which to live, work or visit. It also gives us further evidence to help us concentrate on those priority areas which need most attention.

We should be proud that in 11 of the 18 main categories we are listed as being in the top 40 per cent or higher across Britain. This Council and its partners are committed to ensuring that quality of life continues to count in this district.

What this report underlines is that we are working at a higher base than most, which means that we also have more to protect, while we also realise that there are still important issues to face in parts of our district.

In the medium-term, the next three to four years, the Council will make its main priorities the following issues:-

- Tackling anti-social behaviour;
- Increasing access to housing to meet local needs;
- Improved waste management – greater recycling and less waste going to landfill;
- Coast and estuary

management that would enable key asset to be retained:

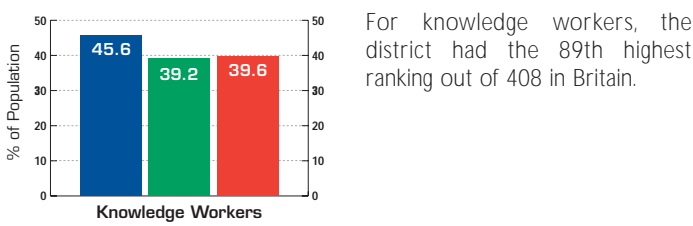
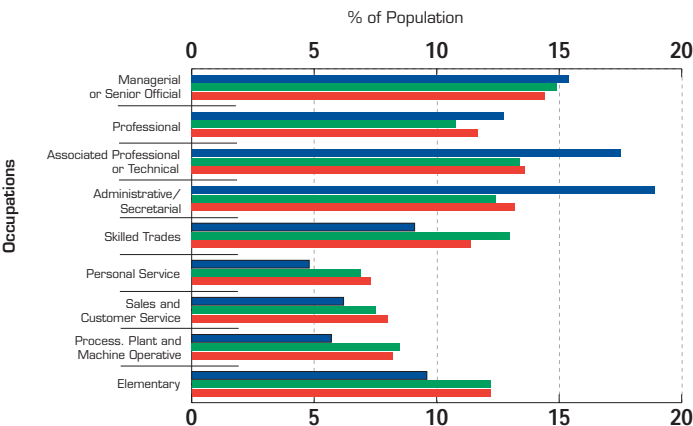
- Strengthening the economy through facilitating key investments – the commencement of the Suffolk Innovation Park, investment allied to the extension of Felixstowe Port, and job creation to offset the decommissioning of Sizewell A.

- A robust and efficient planning system that protects and enhances the environment while furthering the prosperity of the district;
- The potential benefits for the district of the University Campus Suffolk.

As the district council, we have a central role to play in the way this area develops in the future and continuous improvement is something which we both support and insist upon in our performance.

I am pleased that our BVPP shows that 23 of our 37 key performance indicators show an improvement compared to last year and we will continue to strive to provide quality value for money services.

WHAT DO WE DO? WHAT DO WE EARN?



For knowledge workers, the district had the 89th highest ranking out of 408 in Britain.

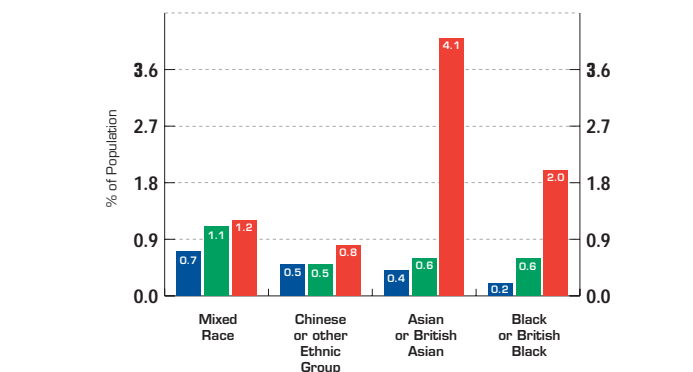
Combining all these factors makes us the 87th most prosperous district of 408.

A range of measures looking at deprivation and inequality listed the district as the 268th most deprived of 354 in Britain.

The district was ranked 179th of 408 over a range of measures looking at skills and qualifications.

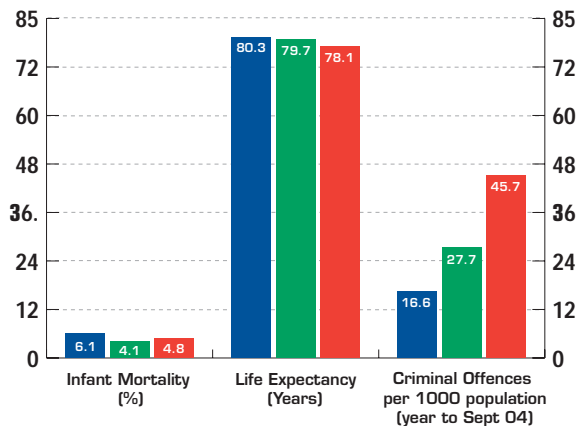
	Average Wage (£)	Average House Price (£)	Average Rooms per household	Proportion of homes with 2 or more cars	% Men Working Full Time	% Women Working Full Time	Unemployment Rate (%)
Suffolk Coastal	23,500	192,174	5.9	38	87.2	36.6	1.2
Suffolk	20,663	165,091	5.6	35	90.7	49.5	1.8
Britain	21,173	178,782	5.3	29	90.1	56.0	2.3

NON-WHITE POPULATION BREAKDOWN



SPOTLIGHT YOUR DISTRICT

HOW GREEN, HEALTHY AND SAFE ARE WE?



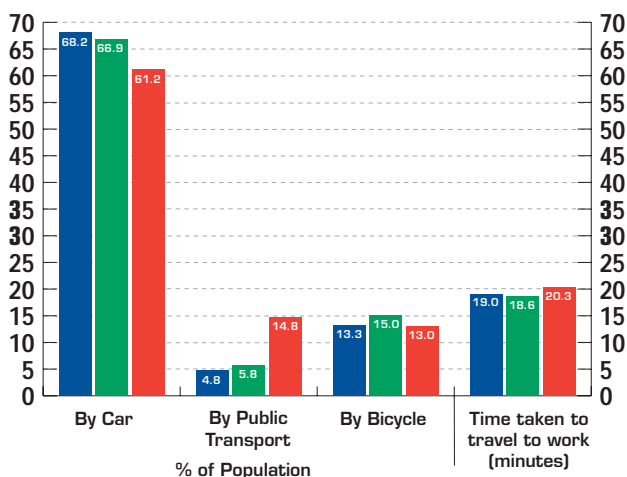
We have a higher infant mortality rate but we also live longer! Overall, we are rated the 30th healthiest district out of 408.

Looking across a range of measures, Local Futures concludes that the district is the fourth safest out of 376 measured in Britain.

Taking a range of measures including natural beauty, tranquillity, and the weather, Local Futures rates us as having the 34th best natural environment of 354 measured in Britain

SO WHERE ARE DOING BADLY?

It probably will not be a surprise that we did badly on transport issues, with Local Futures ranking us 368th of 408, just in the worst 10 per cent. This rating was based on facts like the number of people travelling to work by car and those travelling by public transport.

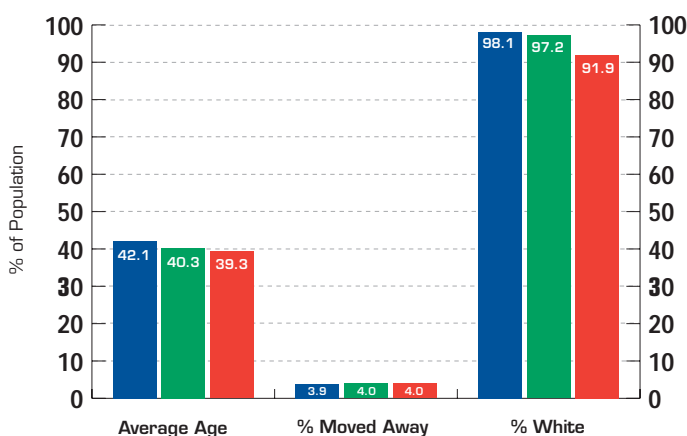
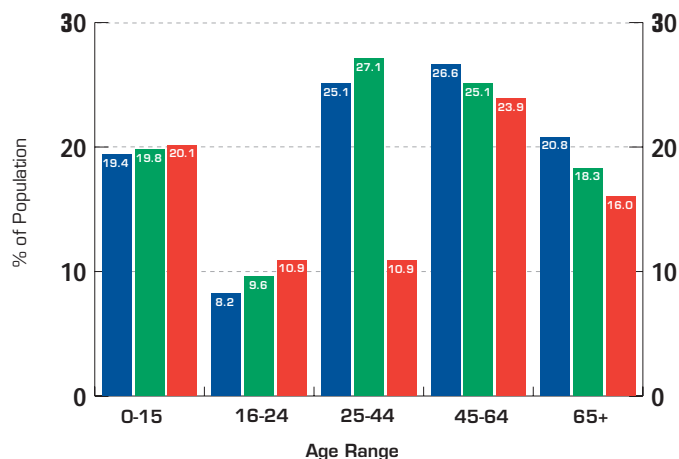


COLOUR CODING IN THE GRAPHS

WHO ARE WE? HOW OLD ARE WE?

Suffolk Coastal covers an area of almost 90,000 hectares or 340 square miles, with a total population of 115,000 living in over 100 towns and parishes.

The total population has risen by over a fifth in the last 30 years.



THE OVERALL RANKINGS

Economy	B	Social profile	A	Environment	B
Economic scale	c	Occupation	b	Affordable housing	c
Productivity	b	Prosperity	b	Commercial and industrial space	b
Economic change	b	Deprivation	b	Connectivity	e
Industrial structure	c	Health	a	Services	b
Business & enterprise	c	Crime	a	Amenities	c
Education and skills	c			Natural environment	a
Labour market	b				

PUBLIC SEE COASTAL DEFENCE PLANS



Visitors to the exhibition at Felixstowe Leisure Centre found out more

An exhibition held in Felixstowe in June gave people a chance to find out all about, and give their views on, the latest proposals on how to defend part of the resort's coastline.

These proposals cover the frontage between the War Memorial and Landguard Common. It is the agreed view of the Council and the Environment Agency, which has been accepted by the Government, that the existing line between the sea and the land in Felixstowe should be maintained.

With a view to starting replacement of the existing concrete groyne in Spring/Summer 2006, and after carrying out an assessment process, consultants are recommending 'T' shaped rock fishtail groynes that are 40 metres

long, with a 20 metres long section at the seaward end. These would be spaced 110 metres apart.

"The consultants have assured us that rock fishtail groynes are technically the best for Felixstowe and would also have fewer environmental impacts than other options, particularly as it is likely that the rock would be delivered by sea. They also tell us that a rock scheme is cheaper than timber and is therefore likely to be the only option that will get a full grant from the Government," said Cllr Rae Leighton, Cabinet Member for planning and coast protection.

Without the proposed new defences, continued exposure to rough seas, combined with sea level rise, will eventually result in the failure of the seawall and the promenade exposing the floodwall to direct wave attack.

PARTNERSHIP ACTION WILL LEAVE 'BOY RACERS' IN A JAM

Local police and Suffolk Coastal have linked up to take action to prevent anti-social motorists making a misery of the lives of residents and visitors to Felixstowe.

"We intend to tackle the issue of anti-social use of motor vehicles this summer, initially targeting the area of Sea Road and Undercliffe Road West.

"With the lighter evenings and

the warmer weather, the seafront attracts people who want to make an impression with their cars, but sadly it is one that is often a great nuisance to other people," said Sgt Mick Richardson of Felixstowe Police.

The police will be carrying out random checks of vehicles to ensure that they meet the necessary standards, along with checking licence, insurance and ownership records.

COUNCIL AND POLICE CRACK DOWN ON BAD BEHAVIOUR

The last few months have seen concerted action by Suffolk Coastal and local police to tackle anti-social behaviour which is blighting the lives of residents in some parts of the community.

Three Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs) were issued to young people in the Woodbridge area after Police and the Council received complaints about acts of anti-social behaviour, including fighting and abusive language.

"There is ongoing action to stamp out anti-social behaviour within the Woodbridge area and ABCs are one of the many tools that we can use," said Councillor Sherrie Green, Cabinet Member for Community Well-being.

In April, Ipswich Magistrates found a 17-year old youth from Woodbridge guilty of breaching an interim Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO) the day after it was issued and sentenced him to four months in a youth detention centre.

The youth had been barred by the same Court from entering the Turban Centre and Hamblin Road, along with the town's Elmhurst Park. Magistrates had also ruled that he was not allowed to drink in any public place in England and Wales.

He reappeared before Magistrates after being arrested by police in Elmhurst Park. As well as ordering him to be detained for four months, the Court confirmed the ASBO, with all its previous conditions, for a period until April 2008.

The Magistrates were told that he

Vehicles can be seized from drivers if two warnings inside a year have been given about it being used anti-socially.

Reclaiming a seized vehicle will cost someone £105, plus £12 a day for storage, with the threat that it will be disposed of if it is not claimed within 21 days.

Residents too have an important part to play as they can keep a record of this type of anti-social

was thought to be the ringleader behind a series of incidents of vandalism, including petty damage and graffiti, in the centre of Woodbridge.

Woodbridge sector commander Inspector Terry Byford said: "A lot of hard work is being put in by officers in order to tackle this type of anti-social behaviour. High profile patrols are being carried out on a regular basis and a number of arrests have been made for damage and other offences. We are committed to working with the Council and other local agencies and ASBOs are an important additional tool for dealing with the minority who persist in causing trouble."

Magistrates in Ipswich in June imposed a five-point anti-social behaviour order on a 17 year-old Trimley St Mary youth, after he pleaded guilty to one charge of public harassment and one charge of public nuisance.

This is the second anti-social behaviour order served on a Trimley youth where the police and Council have been working together to issue a number of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts.

Anyone who would like to report a problem of anti-social behaviour should first report it to the police, dialling 999 if it is a serious incident. If there has been a pattern or regular problems with anti-social behaviour then call Ian Abery, Suffolk Coastal's anti-social behaviour officer, on 01394 444763 or by e-mail on ian.abery@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

behaviour. Many homes in the streets around the seafront have already been given a copy of our anti-social behaviour report form and more copies are available.

Email Sgt Richardson on mick.richardson@suffolk.pnn.police.uk or phone 01473 383376. For a reporting form contact Ian Abery, Suffolk Coastal's anti-social behaviour officer, on 01394 444763 or e-mail on ian.abery@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

MAKING THE SPA EVEN MORE POPULAR

In-depth investigations are underway to secure the future of Felixstowe's Spa Pavilion so it can attract more visitors, generate more income and require less subsidy from Council Taxpayers.

The Suffolk Coastal-owned facility has been privately managed since 1996, and it costs the Council nearly £200,000 a year, including a £173,000 payment to Clear Channel to run the theatre.

"With 50,000 tickets sold a year, there is no doubt of the importance of the Spa to the district, but we need to ensure we are getting maximum value for money for our residents, particularly as our budgets are under severe external pressures," said Councillor Maggy Wilson, Cabinet Member for Community Well-being.

An arts consultant has advised the Council that with the correct management in place the Spa had

potential for increased profitability and the Cabinet has agreed that potential operators be approached to find out if they are interested.

"One of the other options we are keen to investigate is whether Felixstowe Town Council would like to take over the responsibility for the theatre with financial backing from this Council.

"The theatre is attracting more people than 10 years ago, but is still only operating at 40 per cent capacity so we think there is great scope to attract more people through better marketing and a more diverse programme," added Cllr Wilson.

The Council's current 10-year agreement with Clear Channel is due to expire in April 2006, and a further update on progress to keep the Spa centre-stage in the arts and entertainment world will be made in the autumn.

MIND YOUR BACKS!

Suffolk Coastal is supporting the Health and Safety Executive's major national campaign focussed on reducing the incidence of back pain at work.

The Backs! 2005 initiative is promoting the use of lifting and handling aids and encouraging sensible ways of reducing work-related back problems.

"Lifting and other manual handling activities are a major cause of back injury and as many as one in six work-related sickness absences are due to bad backs – which means that both people and business are suffering," said Councillor Sherrie Green, Cabinet Member for Community Well-being.

The Council's Food and Safety Team has visited a number of businesses carrying out specific in-depth inspections of the handling tasks that

present the highest risk to employees' health and safety.

In 2003/04 there were approximately 204,000 new cases of Musculo Skeletal Disorders (MSDs) resulting in 11.8 million lost working days. In the United Kingdom an estimated 1.1 million people suffer from a MSD that they believe was caused or made worse by their work.

Information on prevention of back injuries, recovery following a period of back pain, manual handling training and employer's responsibilities can be found on the Health & Safety Executive's website www.hse.gov.uk/betterbacks/index.htm

For further information on this campaign or other health and safety related issues contact the Food and Safety Team on 01394 444357.

NEW LIFE FOR FORMER RED CROSS CENTRE



Four members of a Tiptree party at The Hut with Cllr Doreen Savage.

Elderly and disabled visitors are once again this summer flocking to Felixstowe's former Red Cross Centre on the seafront after Suffolk Coastal agreed to licence the premises to the town's Old People's Welfare Association (FOPWA).

FOPWA has signed a licence to take over the centre for the summer season and it is open again with some minor works being carried out by Suffolk Coastal to bring it back up to scratch.

"It was excellent news that FOPWA could take on the running of the building which they formally named 'The Hut' as this is how it is referred to by its many users when they book the building," said Cllr Doreen Savage, Cabinet Member for Customers and Partners.

"Felixstowe is a seaside resort that guarantees a friendly welcome to visitors and I am delighted that we can ensure that elderly and disabled people from across the region can still enjoy their visits this summer.

"As beach huts have always been part of the Felixstowe seaside experience it seems very

appropriate that the centre should be known affectionately as The Hut by the numerous visitors who enjoy it every year," added Cllr Savage.

FOPWA is a registered charity formed over 50 years ago and best known for running the senior citizens' centre in Orwell Road, Felixstowe. Visitors are guaranteed the same friendly welcome from The Hut as always as FOPWA has managed to take on all of the existing team of volunteers.

"What we have done is basically take under our wing the team in its entirety, with all its experience and commitment. We are delighted to be able to step into the breach and ensure that this popular seaside facility for elderly and disabled people will once again be open this summer. This partnership between ourselves and Suffolk Coastal will mean that thousands of people will still be able to enjoy the delights of Felixstowe," said Richard Holland, Chairman of FOPWA.

The Hut is already virtually fully booked for the whole of the summer season, but anyone who would like to find out more about it can call Barbara Lowe (Bookings Organiser) on 01394 270828.

RECORD-BREAKING WEBSITE IS BECOMING EASIER TO USE



Pictured here are some of the pages from the new look Council Website.

The main image is the redesigned homepage with its new helpful categories including Your Council, Your District, Your Home, Your Business and Tourist Information.

From this month, the many visitors to Suffolk Coastal's website can enjoy a redesigned, user-friendlier version. Figures show that the website broke all records during 2004/05, with a 60 per cent rise resulting in the 800,000 barrier for the year being broken.

Since the Council's popular website www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk was first launched back in October 1999, more and more useful information has been placed on the site with increasing numbers of people visiting it. Watch out for more improvements over the next few months, including much more

information about planning applications.

"Over the last year we have taken the chance to review not only the content but also the way it is filed to make it simpler for people to find what they want," said Councillor Stephen Burroughes, Cabinet Member responsible for Communications.

"Between April last year and the end of March, 805,355 visits were made to our site, with 87,000 visits in March alone. The website is proving to be an ever more important and popular way for

people to access information about their Council 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"We have now grouped the information into different sections including your home, your district, your business and your council. This should make it easier for people to get the information they need and it will be interesting to see the comments on the new style," added Cllr Burroughes.

Anyone who has any comments on the website can email website.administrator@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or call 01394 444305.

ONLINE GUIDE TO WHERE TO EAT

Anyone wanting to find out more about places to eat in the area can visit Suffolk Coastal's website where the 2005 edition of the Where to Eat Guide is available at a touch of a button.

"Suffolk Coastal has many fine restaurants, as well as excellent hotels, pubs and cafes and we hope that this guide will make it easier for visitors and residents to choose the type of food they are looking for

whether it be a celebration meal or a pub lunch," said Councillor John Perry, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Tourism.

The guide can be viewed on www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/tourism/foodanddrink/ It includes information on whether there is disabled access, a designated no smoking area and for how many it can cater.

Copies of the guide are available from Suffolk Coastal's Tourist Information Centres at Woodbridge, Felixstowe and Aldeburgh and from 30 Tourist Information Points sited in post offices, pubs, restaurants and local shops throughout the district. If you would like to be featured in the guide contact the Council's tourism and resort team on 01394 444538 for further information.

POINTING THE WAY FOR RIGHTS OF WAY

Walkers, landowners and other lovers of the countryside can now access an excellent new one-stop source of information that is aimed at all residents who want to know anything about Rights of Way in Suffolk.

www.onesuffolk.co.uk now has a very detailed section on Public Rights of Way and Access to the Countryside that is there for both the benefit of landowners and those who want to know more about Public Rights of Way.

Suffolk Coastal's Carol Ramsden, Sharon Berry from Mid Suffolk, Kirsty McLaughlin from Suffolk County Council, and Kerry Burn of onesuffolk lead the way to create the new pages on behalf of the Rights of Way and Countryside Access services at all of the local authorities in the county.

INSPECTOR MAY HALT COUNCIL'S DRIVE FOR AFFORDABLE HOMES

A Government-appointed planning inspector is threatening to undermine Suffolk Coastal's commitment to increasing the proportion of affordable homes in the district for local people.

Geoff Salter held a special Planning Inquiry in March to decide whether, through a series of recommendations, to give official backing for Suffolk Coastal's proposed new measures to address the district's need for affordable housing. The Council has now received his report.

"To help meet the increasingly urgent local demand for affordable housing, we proposed that one in three of all new homes in developments of three or more houses in villages, or six or more in towns, should be affordable housing," said Councillor Rae Leighton, Acting Cabinet Member for Planning.

"This sensible and important new tool is now in real danger of being

blunted by Mr Salter who recommends that the thresholds for the application of the one in three homes rule should be increased to developments of nine in villages and 15 in towns respectively.

"I cannot see the logic for this recommendation which seems to fly in the face of the real needs of our district's communities as small villages so seldom have developments of nine or more houses. It goes against all the Government's statements about how important it is that councils encourage more affordable housing. We will now have to consider what we can do to ensure that the requirements of our residents are met," added Cllr Leighton.

The Inspector's report is due to be presented to a series of meetings, starting with the Local Development Framework Task Group on July 25 before finally the October meeting of Cabinet makes a recommendation to Council on the way ahead.

STICKING TO THE PLANS

Planning officers are already using their new powers to stop builders proceeding with developments that do not have official permission or are not built in accordance with approved plans, as one home-owner in Kesgrave has already discovered.

The Kesgrave man was served with a stop notice instructing him to cease work on the eastern elevation of a new bungalow.

"In December 2004, this Council agreed that a bungalow could be built on the site but it appears that the owner has been working to a plan which was rejected in March this year," said Councillor Ivan Jowers, Chairman of the Development Control Committee.

"This case should be a loud warning to agents, builders and developers that we now have additional powers that we will not hesitate to use to ensure that

planning decisions, taken on behalf of the people of this district, will be enforced and must not be ignored.

"This Council will not have its decisions so blatantly ignored. There is a maximum penalty of £20,000 if a stop order is breached for a first offence, with a possible unlimited fine if work still continues," added Cllr Jowers.

A local planning authority can now issue a temporary stop notice as soon as it judges that there has been a breach of planning control and this will last for 28 days, giving the Council time to decide whether it needs to issue an enforcement and stop notice.

Anyone wanting to report a possible breach can contact Suffolk Coastal's enforcement team on 01394 444636, or by emailing d.c.enforcement@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

STEPPING OUT IN SUFFOLK



Aldeburgh walkers striding out; below Cllr Maggy Wilson and Sharon Jarrett

Want to know more about healthy walking? A Stepping out in Suffolk information pack has been produced with details of the Stepping Out Programme of Health Walks, maps of Suffolk Coastal's three marked walks and advice on healthy lifestyles.

"We have three marked walks in the district, at Felixstowe, Woodbridge and Aldeburgh, which people can use independently or as part of the Stepping Out Walks which are led by trained volunteers," said Councillor Sherrie Green, Cabinet Member for Community Well-being.

"The packs have been designed to give more information on the health



walks, a healthy lifestyle and contacts for help and support from local organisations, including the voluntary sector," continued Councillor Green.

The pack was launched with a walk from the Fort Green car park in Aldeburgh. For more information on the health walks and information pack contact Sharon Jarrett, Health Improvement Manager, on 01394 444697.

COMMUNITY TO CHECK OUT TESCO RECEIPT

People in Woodbridge are to be asked over the summer for their views on projects that will contribute to the economic vitality of the town centre, funded from a £225,000 contribution by Tesco.

This large cash boost for the town was agreed by the supermarket giant and Suffolk Coastal to help compensate Woodbridge when planning permission was granted for the expansion of the Tesco store at Martlesham.

"It has been formally agreed that this money can only be spent on

projects that improve and maintain the vitality and viability of Woodbridge town centre while reinforcing its character as an historic market town," said Councillor John Perry, Cabinet Member for the Economy.

"The Woodbridge Town Trust has been delegated to take the lead on this, which includes developing projects and the submission of a detailed action plan. This is a great opportunity which I hope can be used to attract further funding to make a major impact on the town centre," added Cllr Perry.

SUFFOLK SUPPORT FOR OLYMPIC BID



Some of Suffolk's leading Councillors and officers flagging up their support



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TACKLE GLOBAL WARMING

Heatwaves, water shortages, heavy storms - what is happening to our weather? Climate change because of global warming seems to be the main culprit but there is something you can do about it as it is being caused by carbon dioxide (CO₂) forming a layer in the atmosphere stopping heat escaping into space.

CO₂ is produced by burning fossil fuels such as oil, petrol, gas and coal to produce energy - electricity and heat in our homes or power for our vehicles. Energy is also becoming more expensive so household fuel bills are rising.

To help householders reduce their energy use and CO₂ emissions, and at the same time save money, the government is funding the Energy Saving Trust Anglia Advice Centre. This gives impartial free advice on how to use energy more efficiently, including grants and discounted schemes such as increased home insulation and low energy appliances. They also show how to get the energy you need from renewable sources like sun or wind power and how to travel with reduced CO₂ emissions. Call the centre on freephone 0800 512012 to find out more.

PARHAM WINDFARM UPDATE

As CoastLine went to print, details emerged of when the Council hopes to consider the planning application for six wind turbines at Parham Airfield. On August 17, the Development Control Committee will agree the key issues that need to be addressed, with a site visit to a wind farm early in September.

It is hoped the Committee will meet in the first week of October, probably at a large local venue to formally decide the application. Watch out for more details in the next CoastLine, local press or www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

Council Leaders from across Suffolk signed an Olympic flag in support of the London 2012 Olympic bid which, if successful, could boost the county tourism and sporting prospects.

The final decision on the race to be host, which saw Paris as the favourite, came after CoastLine went to print, but Councillor Jeremy Pembroke, Leader of Suffolk County Council, saw London's bid as a terrific opportunity for Suffolk as it is perfectly placed as a base for Olympic teams.

Councillor Ray Herring, Leader of Suffolk Coastal, said: "London hosting the 2012 Olympics would be a real achievement for the country and a major boost for Suffolk, bringing increased tourism over the long term. There may well be the need for all those involved in the sports to have somewhere to prepare - perhaps the sailors will want to make use of our excellent coastal facilities? Rowing and canoeing on the Deben? Those taking part in tennis, hockey, golf, and football could all find somewhere here to train and acclimatise."

GIVING YOUNG PEOPLE A VOICE IN THE DISTRICT AND BEYOND

Hannah Brennan of Felixstowe is a Deputy Member of the United Kingdom Youth Parliament (UKYP) and in June she attended Suffolk Coastal's Full Council meeting to explain more about UKYP and its role in Suffolk. Here she explains the workings of the parliament and her role:

The United Kingdom Youth Parliament is an association for 11-18 year olds and is run purely by young people. Its aim is to give young people a voice because too often decisions are made that will affect young people without talking to/consulting them.

UKYP is based around Article 12 of the convention of the rights of a child: Article 12 of the Convention of the Rights of a child states that children have the right to participate in decision-making processes that may be relevant in their lives and to influence decisions taken in their regard within the family, the school or the community.

I am DMYP (Deputy Member of Youth Parliament) for South Suffolk and I meet up with other members of UKYP in Suffolk and we share ideas and get necessary training.

I got involved in UKYP after I received a support pack from school asking people to attend workshops. I did and I decided to stand for election and I was chosen.

UKYP produces something called the Manifesto which covers the following things:

- Law and Society
- Culture, Media and Sport
- Transport and Employment
- Education and Skills
- International Matters
- Environment and Rural Affairs
- Health

The Manifesto is then given to the government and local authorities to take action. Recently in Suffolk, three people from UKYP attended a conference on the Every Child Matters green paper. The five outcomes are:

- Being Healthy
- Staying Safe
- Enjoying and Achieving
- Making a Positive Contribution
- Economic Wellbeing

I think that when issues are being discussed that will affect young people in this district, Suffolk Coastal should approach a member of the youth parliament so they can get direct feedback and information from local young people.

The UKYP aims to give young people, aged between 11 and 18, a voice which will be heard and listened to by local and national government, providers of services for young people and other agencies who have an interest in the views and needs of young people.

The UKYP meets on an annual basis, and gives the young people of the UK a chance to express their views and concerns at the highest levels.

The UKYP was launched at the House of Commons in July 1999, held its first sitting in February 2001 in London with annual ones since then at Leicester, with this year's being held between July 22 and 24.

It has over 400 elected members, with each local education authority being a constituency. If you want to find out more about UKYP, visit its website <http://www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk/index2.html>

Hannah Brennan, pictured top right, is aged 12 and is a student at Deben High School in Felixstowe



PARTNERSHIP ISSUES YOUNG PEOPLE WITH BAND ON DRINKING

Young people throughout the district are being issued with wristbands that glow in the dark as part of the countywide Nightsafe initiative which is trying to reduce the amount of binge drinking and alcohol-related crime.

The Suffolk Coastal Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CRDP) is distributing the orange and yellow bands which bear the message 'have fun, keep safe' and are funded by the Home Office.

"This district is officially one of the very safest in the country but we cannot afford to disregard the problems that the abuse of alcohol is causing to some people in our community whose enjoyment of life can be blighted by drunken anti-social behaviour," said Councillor Sherrie Green, Chairman of the Suffolk Coastal CRDP.

"The Nightsafe initiative recognises that the misuse of alcohol has wide-ranging implications and that no one single



organisation can tackle it alone, which is why there is a partnership including the police, councils, licensees, health authorities and the Government to highlight the issues.

"This band contains a simple message that we hope will remind young people to drink sensibly and understand their limits so they and everyone else can have an enjoyable but safe night out," added Cllr Green.

A thousand of the special wristbands are being given to young people in this district through licensees in the Felixstowe area, and youth organisations such as Rochford House, Just 42, CYDS, Kesgrave Youth Club, and Level 2.

GET ACTIVE THIS SUMMER

There is a summer of fun lined up for children across the district thanks to Suffolk Coastal's Active Leisure team. On this page we list the activities they have on offer to beat the summer blues. For more information or to book a place on any of the events, call the Active Leisure team on 01394 444652 or email active.leisure@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

Coastal Fun

Active Leisure's Coastal Playscheme will visit 12 venues this summer thanks to the support of Suffolk Heritage Housing Association. Each session costs £1 per person and is aimed at children aged 6 and over. Activities include puppet making, drawing, junk modelling, face painting, board games, table football, volleyball, spongeball and stories.

The full programme for the summer is:

Kyson School, **Woodbridge**

Mondays 10am-11.55am

July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 22.

Village Green, **Rendlesham**

Mondays 1.30pm-3.25pm

July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 22.

Kesgrave Millenium

Sports Ground Tuesdays
10am-11.55am

July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23.

Langley Avenue, **Felixstowe**

Tuesdays 1.30pm-3.25pm July 26,
August 2, 9, 16, 23.

Rendham Road, **Saxmundham**

Wednesdays 10am-11.55am July 27,
August 3, 10, 17, 24.

Village Grn, **Wickham Market**

Wednesdays 1.30pm-3.25pm July 27,
August 3, 10, 17, 24.

Recreation Ground, **Aldeburgh**

Thursdays 10am-11.55am
July 28, August 4, 11, 18, 25.

August 10am-11.55am

Victory Road, **Leiston** Thursdays
1.30pm-3.25pm

July 28, August 4, 11, 18, 25.

Village Green, **Grundisburgh**

Fridays 10am-11.55am

July 29, August 12, 26

Sutton Heath Sandlings

Primary School

Fridays 1.30pm-3.25pm July 29,
August 12, 26

Pageant Field, **Framlingham**

Fridays 10am-11.55am August 5, 19.

Walberswick Village Hall

Fridays 1.30pm-3.25pm August 5, 19.

Smashing Tennis

Active Leisure's rural tennis course is open to everyone, from people with no experience to regular players of the game. The aim of the sessions will be to have fun and to improve your tennis skills. Sessions last two hours and are supervised by a LTA Licenced Tennis Coach. The courses are aimed at young people aged 8 and over.

The 5-day course costs £25 for Coastal Card holders.

Beginners Course for people who want to learn the basic strokes.

Yoxford tennis courts

Monday, July 25 – Friday,

July 29 10am to Noon.

Saxmundham tennis courts

Monday, August 1 – Friday,

August 5 1.30pm – 3.30pm.

Aldeburgh tennis courts

Monday, August 8 – Friday,

August 12 10am – Noon.

Improvers Course for those with experience but want to learn more.

Yoxford tennis courts

Monday, August 8 – Friday, August

12 1.30pm-3.30pm.

Saxmundham tennis courts

Monday, August 22 – Friday,

August 26 10am-12Noon.

Aldeburgh tennis courts

Monday, August 22 – Friday,

August 26 1.30pm-3.30pm.

Beginners and Improvers

Wenhaston tennis courts

Monday, July 25 – Friday, July 29

1.30pm- 3.30pm.

Framlingham tennis courts

Monday, August 1 – Friday, August 5

10am-12noon.

Rushmere St Andrew tennis

courts

Monday, August 15 – Friday, August

19 10am-12noon.

Orford tennis courts

Monday, August 15 – Friday, August

19 1.30pm-3.30pm.

Win the FA Cup

This year's **Felixstowe** Area Cup seven-a-side is at Cavendish Park on Sunday, August 28, with first kick-off at 10.30am. There are three age groups, under-11s, under 13s and under 16s, and it only costs £5 per team.



Football Roadshows

Active Leisure's Coastal Football offers fun and improvement for all abilities, with coaching, tricks and tips from fully qualified coaches and small-sided games.

The venues are

Cavendish Park, **Felixstowe**

Mondays July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 22.

Pageant Field, **Framlingham**

Tuesdays August 2, 16.

Sandlings Primary School,

Sutton Heath

Wednesdays July 27, August 10, 24.

Victory Park, **Leiston**

Wednesdays August 3, 17.

Millennium Sports

Ground, **Kesgrave**

Thursdays July 28, August 11, 25.

Melton Playing Field,

Thursday August 18

Langer Park, **Felixstowe**

Fridays July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 26.

Carlton Park, **Saxmundham**

(Jack Revell Junior Football

Coaching session)

Tuesdays July 26, August 9, 23.

Under 8s 10.00am-11.00am

9-12 years old 11.30am-12.30pm

13 years old + 1.30pm-3.00pm

Each session will cost £1 per person to be paid on the day. Please bring a drink

Sporting Treats

All four Council-owned sports centres have a full programme of summer activities on offer, including the Fun House Summer Day Camp at **Brackenbury**, day camps at **Leiston** and **Deben**, and snorkelling and canoe courses at **Felixstowe**. Pop in one to find out what is on offer.

Coastal Basketball

This five-day basketball course is aimed at developing skills for both boys and girls aged 12-16 whatever their skills for only £25 to Coastal Card holders. Come along to Brackenbury Sports Centre, **Felixstowe** Monday, August 15 – Friday, August 19 from 10.30am-12.30pm.

Coastal Angling

Thanks to the support of the Environment Agency, Active Leisure is giving young people aged eight and over a chance to improve their fishing and learn new skills from qualified coaches at the Breakaway Lake, **Melton**.

One-day, three hour taster sessions are being held Monday to Fridays July 25-29, August 8-12 and 15-19 for those aged 8-11, and July 25-29 for 12 and overs.

One-day, two hour family sessions for all abilities are being held Wednesdays and Thursdays July 27, 28, August 3, 4, 10 and 11.

Five-day three-hour sessions aimed at those with a bit of experience are being held Mondays to Fridays August 1-5, 8-12, 15-19 and 22-26.

The one day sessions cost £10 for Coastal Card holders, and the five-day sessions cost £50 for Coastal Card holders. Please book in advance.

FLICK in Kesgrave

This summer Active Leisure, in partnership with the Community Police, Suffolk County Council and the Kesgrave Youth Forum, will provide fun free activities for young people aged 14 and over in **Kesgrave** on Tuesdays between 7pm and 9pm at Meadow Green, near Ropes Drive.

Activities can include: football, tri-golf, rounders, dodgeball, cricket, spongeball, volleyball, basketball, tennis and badminton, plus a visit by the mobile skate park.