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Coastal AC gets set to put youngsters on track for sporting fun

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Following a successful run of taster sessions organised by Suffolk Coastal a new athletics club, Coastal AC, has been formed to give youngsters interested in athletics the chance to develop their skills.

The club will meet at Farlingaye High School in Woodbridge between 4.30pm and 6pm on Mondays. The first confirmed sessions are taking place on Monday, January 11 and 25, February 8 and 22 and March 8.

"The formation of the new athletics club is great news for keen youngsters wanting to keep active, take advantage of the coaching and facilities on offer and get the chance to try sports they may not have tried before," said Cllr Mary Neale, Cabinet Member for Countryside and Leisure.

The sessions will be lead by qualified National Governing Bodies (NGB) coaches able to offer expert instruction in many of the different track and field events on offer at the club.

Each session will cost £2 to cover costs and there is no need to book, young people aged 8 and over can come along on the day and take part in the activities.

Local support from volunteers will be very important in helping the club to become established and is needed to ensure the club continues to help children and young people in the district. Anyone that has experience of athletics or coaching or is interested in learning new skills while supporting the new club is welcome to get involved and help out.

"It would be a great boost to the district to see young people getting together and enjoying keeping active and picking up new skills. It will hopefully start a life long interest in keeping active and may even match talented youngsters with their sporting strengths leading to a successful future in sport especially important with the 2012 London Olympics fast approaching," added Cllr Neale.

After the success of the taster sessions the new club will hopefully attract a regular group of youngsters wanting to have fun while training for their events. The skills and advice of the NGB coaches will be immensely beneficial to the young people taking part and they should soon be able to see an improvement in their fitness, stamina and technique over the course of the club sessions.

To find out more information about the athletics club or how to get involved with volunteering residents can contact, Daniel King, arts and sports development officer on 01394 444318 or email daniel.king@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk.

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Greener waste collection ready for final roll-out

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The final phase of Suffolk Coastal's greener waste collection services is set to be rolled out to remaining homes in Suffolk Coastal this March, seeing every household in the district benefitting from improved recycling and waste collection services.

The last 5,000 homes will have access to the new waste collection services from Monday, March 15. In preparation for this, Suffolk Coastal's waste management team will be holding information roadshows for residents to find out about the changes to their services and ask any questions they may have.

"Suffolk Coastal already has an excellent standard of recycling with over 50 per cent of all waste recycled or composted. With all homes in the district able to recycle we hope this rate will continue to rise, reaching well above the national average," said Cllr Andrew Nunn, Cabinet Member for the Environment.

The final roll out of services will give each household in the district three bins. A blue-lidded bin for all loose recyclable waste including paper, card, plastic packaging, aluminium and tin cans and foil, a brown bin for garden and food waste, cardboard and shredded paper and a grey-lidded bin for all other rubbish and materials that cannot currently be recycled.

"Although the bins will be collected on alternate weeks residents will still be able to dispose of food waste weekly as it can be put into the grey-lidded bin or the brown bin," said Cllr Nunn.

Residents will also receive a calendar along with their new bins detailing which bin will be collected each week and a reminder of what can be put in them.

"I would encourage any residents to come along to one of the roadshows to find out more about their new recycling services and how their cooperation and support for the new three bin service contributes to a greener environment for Suffolk Coastal," added Cllr Nunn.

The towns and parishes affected by the final roll out of services include Newbourne, Snape, Benhall, Sternfield, Playford, Little Bealings, Charsfield, Debach, Letheringham, Sudbourne, Wantisden, Chillesford, Butley and Iken and parts of Felixstowe, Leiston and Kesgrave.

For more information about the extension of the recycling services or what can be put into the bins residents can contact the special helpline on 01394 444050 or visit www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourhome/waste/bluebin

The roadshows will be taking place as follows:

Tuesday, January 12 10:00-12:00 Leisure Centre car park, Sea Road, Felixstowe

Tuesday, January 12 13:00-15:00 Crescent Road car park, Felixstowe

Wednesday, January 13 10:00-12:00 Village Hall car park, Mill Road, Newbourne

Wednesday, January 13 13:00-15:00 Community Centre car park, Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave

Thursday, January 14 10:00-12:00 Sizewell Road car park, Leiston

Thursday, January 14 13:00-15:00 Servicemen's Club car park, School Lane, Benhall
Friday, January 15 10:00-12:00 Village Hall car park, Playford
Friday, January 15 13:00-15:00 Bealings Village Hall car park, The Street, Little Bealings
Monday, January 18 13:00-15:00 Village Hall car park, St Peter's Close, Charsfield
Tuesday, January 19 10:00-12:00 Froize Inn car park, The Street, Chillesford
Tuesday, January 19 13:00-15:00 Village Hall car park, Church Road, Snape
Wednesday, January 20 10:00-12:00 Oyster Inn car park, Butley
Wednesday, January 20 13:00-15:00 Baptist Chapel, School Road, Sudbourne.

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Talent on show at Bands in the Bar

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Another chance to see local musical talent is on offer as a new event, Bands in the Bar, showcases local bands in a series of evening gigs.

The sessions will take place on Wednesday, January 13 and 27 and February 10 from 7pm at the Spa Pavilion in Felixstowe. Entry is £2 with doors opening at 6.30pm.

“Bands in the Bar is a great project that will give young people the chance to enjoy a relaxed evening out with friends while getting to hear some of the best local music on offer, including this years’ Soundwaves Ultimate Bands Contest finalists,” said Cllr Mary Neale, Cabinet Member for Countryside and Leisure.

“The evening’s entertainment will be top quality and is the perfect opportunity to experience live music at its best in an intimate venue,” added Cllr Neale.

Bands taking to the bar include Silk and Steel, The Cads, Walkway, A World Apart, To the Dogs, Clay and Playing With Fire as well as other special guests.

“The events at the Spa provide a great opportunity for people to find out what bands and artists are out there on the local music scene and I am sure that they will be very impressed with the standard of young musicians in the district,” added Cllr Neale.

For more information about Bands in the Bar residents can contact the arts and sports development officer on 01394 444318 or email daniel.king@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

The Bands in the Bar project is being supported by Suffolk Coastal Community Safety Partnership, the Suffolk Coastal Local Strategic Partnership, Soundwaves, Suffolk Coastal District Council and The Spa Pavilion.

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All Suffolk Coastal collections back to normal from Thursday

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The sterling efforts of the district's refuse and recycling teams will mean that from tomorrow (Thursday, January 14) all collections should be back to normal, with people once again able to put out their brown wheelie bins as well.

The teams from Suffolk Coastal Services Ltd have been catching up with all the blue-lidded and grey-lidded bin collections that were missed last Thursday and Friday (January 7 and 8) because of the severe weather conditions which prevented the collections lorries from accessing many untreated locations.

"The excellent news is that by tomorrow, every home should have had a collection during the last week. The SCS teams have continued to collect despite the deep snow and ice covering many pavements and rural lanes and deserve praise for their efforts," said Cllr Andrew Nunn, Cabinet Member for the Green Environment.

"To achieve this splendid feat, SCS had to temporarily suspend all its brown bin collections, but now it has caught up with all its main refuse and recycling collections we can ask people to start putting out their brown bin on the next scheduled day they are due to be emptied.

"Last week's heavy snow made it impossible for our teams to work and because of the dangers underfoot that residents would have faced putting out their bins, we had no choice but to stop all our services. I thank everyone for their patience and would ask everyone to put things out for collection on their normal scheduled day," added Cllr Nunn.

All but 5,000 homes in the district have grey-lidded bins for their domestic rubbish and blue-lidded bins for materials that can be recycled such as paper, cans, foil, plastic bottles and cardboard. The remaining homes currently still use black sacks but they too will switch to the new improved service in March, with a series of information roadshows now underway for those residents getting the new service.

Every home in the district also has a brown bin for garden waste and also all cooked and uncooked food which, despite the recent fire at the Parham site, is still being collected and turned into a reusable compost.

"I hope that everyone will make an extra effort to get back into the recycling habit, which has already seen our residents take over 50 per cent of their waste out of their bins so it can be reused. If anyone has forgotten when they should be putting out their bins, they can call the SCS helpline on 01394 444000," added Cllr Nunn.



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Information about alcohol served up to local young people

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Local young people have been refreshing their knowledge about alcohol awareness this week as the Suffolk Coastal Community Safety Partnership (CSP) raises awareness.

An alcohol information and advice roadshow was held today (January 13) visiting students in year 10 at Farlingaye High School in Woodbridge.

"This was a great opportunity for young people to remind themselves about the effects of alcohol and how to enjoy themselves responsibly," said Cllr Sherrie Green, Suffolk Coastal Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) Board Member.

"The roadshow had representatives from different agencies working with the CSP on hand to provide interactive activities providing information about things such as the alcoholic content of drinks, the impacts of alcohol on the body and how to avoid over consumption," added Cllr Green.

A member of the substance misuse team was also on hand to offer information and advice about the risks of excessive drinking able to offer expert help.

"Alcohol misuse is not only harmful to health but may also contribute to other problems such as anti-social behaviour and crime, which can impact a local community greatly.

"The roadshow has helped to encourage young people to think about how alcohol misuse can affect their health, and their community, and over 300 young people have had the opportunity to come along to get some helpful information and remind themselves about the risks involved with alcohol misuse," added Cllr Green.

For more information about the alcohol roadshow, or the work of the CSP residents can contact the substance misuse officer on 07768 817607 or email julia.catterwell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

The alcohol information roadshow has been funded by the CSP, which is part of the LSP, after receiving support from the Home Office to help tackle alcohol misuse.

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Lunchtime advice on the menu for local voluntary groups

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Voluntary groups that are resolving to get even better in 2010 can get a helping hand at a free advice session in Felixstowe.

The Suffolk Coastal Resource Network (SCRN) is holding a Networking Lunch at St Felix Church Hall in Gainsborough Road, Felixstowe from 12pm to 2pm on Friday, January 22 offering information and advice to local voluntary groups or organisations.

"The Networking Lunch is the perfect opportunity to make sure that any voluntary groups or organisations are in good shape for the New Year ahead," said Cllr Ray Herring, Chairman of the Suffolk Coastal Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) Board.

Over the past year, over 100 groups have been helped by the SCRN, accessing valuable advice, meeting others in similar positions, and finding out more about available funding and training opportunities.

Speakers at January's event will include representatives from The Big Lottery Fund, the Suffolk Foundation, Suffolk Climate Change Partnership and Suffolk Coastal District Council.

"The lunchtime events have proved to be a great tool for local voluntary groups to find out information and network with other groups that can offer advice about issues such as raising the organisation's profile, attracting new volunteers and applying for funding," added Cllr Herring.

At the Networking Lunch groups and organisations can also find out about booking a one-to-one funding surgery for newly formed or existing groups to find out if they are missing out on receiving any grants or funding and how to tap into these additional resources.

"Over the past year more than £364,000 has been awarded in funding to local voluntary groups for many different projects and I would encourage any voluntary group or organisation to come along to the Networking Lunch to find out if they could receive any additional support," added Cllr Herring.

To book a place at the Networking Lunch, including a free buffet lunch, or to find out more information, voluntary groups and organisations can email sue.clements@savo.co.uk or telephone 01473 275195.

There is also a good deal of information about the kind of support available to local groups and organisations on the SCRN website, www.scrn.co.uk

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Felixstowe's beaches left untouched

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Despite claims in the local and national media, there have still been no confirmed reports of anyone having taken sand off any of Felixstowe's beaches during the recent wintery conditions.

Last week, Felixstowe police confirmed that they had not received any complaints about sand being taken, and staff at Suffolk Coastal have not seen or heard of anyone raiding any of the resort's beaches.

"This snowball of a story has grown and grown in each repeating but without any proof that anyone has actually taken any sand off our beaches, which given that for most of the time they have been covered in snow is hardly a surprise," said Cllr Doreen Savage, Cabinet Member for Customers and Partners.

"I was asked by the press for a comment about sand being taken, and said I had not heard of anyone doing this and would be surprised if anyone was, and all the available evidence suggests no-one has. I did point out that it would be against the law if anyone did remove sand from our beaches but this was done from an information point of view. I suspect that if anyone in Felixstowe wanted sand for their path or road, they would probably go to a builders' yard," added Cllr Savage.



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Responsible dog owners pick up more than their fair share

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A local dog training club in Felixstowe is taking to the streets cleaning up other owners' dog mess as well as their own in an attempt to help keep the town mess free.

The members of the club were fed up with a few irresponsible dog owners leaving a mess on local streets and walk ways ruining walks for responsible owners and those out to enjoy walking in the coastal town.

"Members of the Felixstowe Dog Training Club have decided to be proactive about dog mess left along public areas in the town, including areas of the prom and the beach, and it is really inspiring to see residents working hard to help benefit their community and keep it clean," said Cllr Andrew Nunn, Cabinet Member for the Green Environment.

The vast majority of dog owners are responsible and clean up properly and it is only a small number that are causing frustration in the local community.

Bagged up dog waste can go in any of the litter bins or special dog waste bins. In areas where residents often take their dogs for walks there are plenty of signs reminding them to pick up after their dog and to keep dogs off of the beach between certain times of the year.

"Many of those who do not pick up have gone unchallenged as a number of the incidents happen under the cover of darkness. The recent bad weather may also deter pet owners from picking up after their animals but I would like to remind people that many residents including young children also use the many pathways and coastal areas and it is very unpleasant to come across excrement while out walking or playing.

"The Council does keep an eye on areas in Felixstowe but cannot always be in the right place at the right time to catch those who do not bag and bin their dog waste. The efforts of responsible dog owners are welcomed to help keep our towns and villages mess free and I hope that other dog owners might consider similar actions at other locations across the district," added Cllr Nunn.

Suffolk Coastal Services has supplied the club with dog waste bags and would be willing to help other clubs or groups that would like to carry out similar community spirited activities across the district. For more information residents can contact the waste services manager on 01394 444024 or email michael.porter@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk



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Hoops of fun with Leiston Lynx

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Leiston Lynx Basketball Club is holding its first Community Basketball Open Day on Sunday January 31 at Leiston Leisure Centre when youngsters and adults can come along, pick up some tips and play or watch some games.

The club was created last year and already has a senior side which plays in the Suffolk Senior League and a thriving junior section with over 30 members signed up to the club.

“The open day is a perfect opportunity for youngsters and adults to give the sport a try. It is such a popular sport in East Suffolk and the day will be a lot of fun as there is no pressure to play like a professional. It is just a fun way to get involved and a great chance for the communities around the area to get involved, stay fit and try something new,” said Andrew Wilesmith, Head Coach and Chairman of the club.

From 10am to 4pm, there will be high quality coaching on the day from Andrew, along with the large, informal tournament so adults and young people can play basketball in a relaxed atmosphere.

There will be prizes and refreshments, along with support and advice on offer from members of the senior playing squad. The day is supported by the club's sponsors Waitrose and British Energy and Suffolk Coastal's Leiston Leisure Centre.

“I welcome Leiston Lynx's efforts to get more people involved in the increasingly popular sport of basketball and I hope that the courts are full on Sunday with keen new converts to the sport. Suffolk Coastal has helped the club in the past and it is great to see it taking such active strides to involve the local community,” said Cllr Mary Neale, Cabinet Member for Leisure and Countryside.

For more information please contact Andrew Wilesmith on 07886 019198 or email the club on leistonbasketball@yahoo.co.uk, or visit www.leistonlynx.webs.com



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Licensees given training to help deal with drug misuse

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Licensees of pubs and clubs in Leiston are being given the opportunity to access training to help improve their knowledge of drugs and how to tackle problems of misuse in their establishments.

The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) supported training session will be taking place on Thursday, January 28 in Leiston with local licensees being invited to attend.

“The training on offer to local license holders is a great opportunity that will prove incredibly valuable in improving their understanding about drug misuse and recognising what to do if drugs are identified in their establishment,” said Cllr Sherrie Green, Chair of the Community Safety Partnership.

The training courses, run by the CSP with help from the police, will give information about drugs and the law, how to report drugs activity, how to spot potential drug misuse and help with recognising and understanding potential health problems of those misusing.

“It is important to educate licensees about drug misuse as it is likely that they will come across drugs at some point. Being prepared and knowledgeable will help them to ensure their establishment remains a safe and drug free environment for the community to enjoy responsibly.

“The CSP also works jointly with local groups in the district that are able to offer support to people misusing drugs and will be able to provide licensees with information about where people can get help and support if they are concerned about drug misuse.

“Suffolk Coastal and the CSP are keen to continue working closely with local licensees and maintain a strong community presence so that residents are aware of our efforts to tackle drug misuse and drug-related crime,” added Cllr Green.

Drug-related crime is relatively low in Suffolk Coastal, but by offering support and education to licensees and helping communities to tackle offenders, residents can be assured that their community is safe and drug free.

For more information about the training event or the work of the Community Safety Partnership residents can contact Suffolk Coastal's substance misuse officer on 07768 817607 or email julia.catterwell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk.

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New light for Seafront Gardens

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Starting today (Tuesday, January 19) minor works are being carried out to repair lanterns and lighting columns in the Felixstowe Seafront Gardens.

Weather permitting the maintenance work should be completed by the end of the week and will keep the Seafront Gardens at their shining best for residents and visitors to enjoy.

“We do not anticipate any problems carrying out the works however, in order for the engineers to carry out the maintenance we may need to temporarily close footpaths to allow access to the lanterns and lighting columns,” said Cllr Mary Neale, Cabinet Member for Countryside and Leisure.

“I would ask residents to be patient while the works are taking place and I am sure they will welcome the improved lighting in the gardens,” added Cllr Neale.

The Seafront Gardens are a popular spot for both residents and visitors and the improvements to the lights will ensure that visitors are able to continue to enjoy the gardens into the evening.

Suffolk Coastal District Council are currently bidding for a Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) multi-million pound renovation of the Seafront Gardens that would see the gardens restored and improved for the 21st century.

“Some of the suggested features for the gardens include high quality design improvements along with a visitor centre, an outdoor play area, an open air performance area and a lift from the gardens to the cliff top increasing accessibility,” added Cllr Neale.

For more information about the lighting repair works residents can contact Martin Gardiner on 01394 444062.

To find out more about the Seafront Gardens HLF bid residents can visit www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/felixstowefutures/seafrontgardens

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Government should reject flawed proposals

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The Government's John Denham has been told by Suffolk Coastal that he should throw out the recommendations given to him for the future shape of local councils in Suffolk because they are fatally flawed.

The Communities and Local Government Secretary of State has been sent a detailed explanation of Suffolk Coastal's grave misgivings about the Boundary Committee for England's (BCE) final recommendations, along with alternatives that would better suit local communities.

"We know our communities want and deserve high quality value for money services that they can have a direct say in, but we have told Mr Denham that the BCE's proposal will not deliver that in our county, and indeed will wreck our efforts to do just that," said Cllr Ray Herring, Leader of Suffolk Coastal.

"Whatever gloss the BCE has put on its proposals, the stark reality is that the financial figures are wildly out of date, that it will exclude rather than involve local people, that it does not recognise the different needs of our varied communities, and that it does not reflect what the people of Suffolk actually want.

"It would be a real leap in the dark by Mr Denham if he was to support these flimsy recommendations. I call on him to throw out the BCE's proposals as the financial, service and democratic cost of them could be enormous for our communities if they were implemented," added Cllr Herring.

A joint delegation from Suffolk Coastal and Waveney met Mr Denham's junior minister Rosie Winterton last week (Tuesday) when the Councils' Leaders, Cllr Herring and Cllr Mark Bee, outlined their concerns about the BCE's review.

"In my view, if the Government insists on introducing unitary councils beyond Ipswich, then our proposed model of three councils for East Suffolk, Ipswich and West Suffolk would be the best way forward.

"However, if Mr Denham recognises that the flaws in the BCE's proposals are so fundamental as to make them worthless, then there is still a way forward that will meet Suffolk's challenges of the future without the introduction of unitary councils.

"Suffolk Coastal and Waveney are developing a 'super-district' model to reflect the shared ambitions of our communities, and similar agreements are also underway involving Babergh and Mid Suffolk. We are ready to press ahead with our work which will ensure that our communities receive a high quality of service, and value for money, in a way that they can be fully involved with," added Cllr Herring.

A central criticism of the BCE is that it has failed to update its financial workbooks, and has therefore ignored the impact of the recession on all the councils' income and assets or the fact that they have already delivered major savings on their spending. The BCE's own financial advisors had already warned that the financial analysis needed to be revisited.

As the Courts had recognised, there are also serious doubts about the legality of the review and the BCE's perceived failure to give any consideration to the options proposed by Suffolk Coastal, Waveney, Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury councils.

Copies of the letter sent to Mr Denham, plus Suffolk Coastal's formal response to the BCE's recommendations, and its proposals for the future of local government in Suffolk, can be found on www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourcouncil/future



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Pram Walk set for repair work

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Repair work is to be carried out to a section of path used by wheel chair users and residents with prams and pushchairs connecting Hamilton Gardens and Felixstowe Seafront Gardens.

The repair work to the Pram Walk in Felixstowe Seafront Gardens will start, weather permitting, during the week of Monday, February 15 and should last about a week.

“The path has to be closed as a part of the wall along the Pram Walk has collapsed making it unsafe for residents and visitors to use. We anticipate the repair work and investigation of the rest of the pathways stability to take a week and hope to have it open again by the end of February,” said Cllr Andy Smith, Cabinet Member for Planning.

“The Pram Walk is used regularly so we are keen to reopen it promptly but we want to make sure that it has been made safe and secure for residents to use before it is reopened,” added Cllr Smith.

As part of the ongoing Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) application the Seafront Gardens hope to receive a multi-million pound facelift that could include a lift between the cliff tops and the Spa Pavilion which would improve access to the gardens for those with mobility difficulties or prams and pushchairs.

“In the meantime we will endeavour to get the repair work completed as soon as possible so that access to the gardens remains available.

“I would like to encourage residents and visitors to the gardens to keep away from the safety fencing while the work is carried out and I look forward to the improvements to the pathway so that residents and visitors can continue to use the Pram Walk,” added Cllr Smith.

Alternative access to the gardens while the work is being carried out can be found via Bent Hill or from the promenade alongside Undercliff Road East.

For more information about the HLF application for repairs and improvements to the Seafront Gardens, including a draft plan for the gardens, residents can visit

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Campaign to keep Suffolk up to speed

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A campaign to improve broadband speeds, launched by the East of England Development Agency (EEDA) has been backed by Suffolk Coastal. The council is urging local businesses and residents to voice their frustrations about the speed of the local information highway.

People can register their support for improving broadband speeds by completing a questionnaire organised by the Eastern Region Broadband Uplift Scheme (EREBUS) found at www.erebusonline.org.uk and voicing their demand for the roll-out of next generation broadband services to include Suffolk.

“Broadband speeds in the county are generally much slower than many other parts of the country, especially in the more rural areas of our district. In some parts of the district there is no broadband access at all. To prove that there is a considerable demand for improved broadband services we need as many people as possible to register their concerns via the questionnaire by the deadline of Sunday, January 31,” said Cllr Colin Hart, Cabinet Member for Economic Development.

In a district with over 40,000 small and medium sized enterprises, many of which are in rural locations, it is vital that they are able to access fast and reliable broadband connections in order to maintain a competitive edge with larger or more urban businesses.

“Many businesses require high speed services for websites or completing essential online government services such as tax returns. Everyday tasks such as applying for tenders, marketing, processing orders or communicating with clients can be limited by inadequate broadband service in many parts of Suffolk, so we need to act now to help them thrive in the current economic climate.

“At a time when BT has just announced rolling out broadband services of 40mbps to some areas of the country we as a rural district cannot afford to be left even further behind the current national target standard of 2mbps,” added Cllr Hart.

As more schools incorporate teaching via virtual learning platforms, children and young people living in areas of poor broadband speeds are also likely to be at a disadvantage compared to those living in more urban areas.

Quality of life is also now becoming more dependent on remote and social interaction and adequate broadband speed is a significant factor in providing services such as remote health tele-services and cultural access to platforms such as HD TV, interactive services and other forms of social interaction and networking.

“If the EREBUS questionnaire for improved broadband services reports a high level of demand there are likely to be European Grants that we may be eligible to receive.

“There is also potential for pilot schemes to be carried out in rural parts of the district and I am sure this would be a welcome initiative for residents and local businesses wanting and waiting to reap the benefits of a faster broadband service.

“For this to happen, there needs to be a high level of interest measured by responses to the questionnaire. Responses will be recorded according to post code location so it is important that everyone wanting a better service has their say to make sure their area is represented,” added Cllr Hart.

Next generation broadband is the provision to cope with high demand bandwidth usage that is being increasingly developed and used by businesses, schools, hospitals, homes and other services.

For more information about the campaign for faster broadband services in Suffolk residents and businesses can visit www.eeda.org.uk/4608.asp or www.erebusonline.org.uk.

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Cashless parking on offer to more of Suffolk Coastal

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Following a successful pilot in Woodbridge town centre, the cashless parking service RingGo is being rolled out to Suffolk Coastal car parks in Felixstowe from Thursday, January 28, making it more convenient for motorists to pay for car parking.

The mobile service allows car park users to pay for their parking by credit or debit card via their mobile phone meaning that having the correct change or being penalised for over running their stay could soon be a thing of the past.

“The RingGo service has proved to be very useful for many visitors to car parks in Woodbridge town centre and I am sure that many more residents and visitors will benefit from the extension of the service to Felixstowe,” said Cllr Andy Smith, Cabinet Member responsible for Car Parks.

Since the service was introduced in Woodbridge 147 users have registered with RingGo with over £500 of car parking charges being paid using mobile phones rather than coins to pay and display.

Drivers can register with RingGo in advance or once they have parked by calling 01394 642645 and providing their car registration, card details, the four digit location code of the car park and how long they would like to stay.

Once they have registered, subsequent visits will be much quicker as RingGo will recognise registered users immediately. All details are securely stored on RingGo's secure computer system and those registered will also be able to use the mobile service when travelling outside of the district at any RingGo car park in the country.

The service costs 20p on top of the car parking charge with all payments appearing on drivers' credit or debit card statements. VAT receipts can be printed from their individual online RingGo account where they can also view their payment history and manage their account details.

“Users do not need to worry about receiving a fixed penalty notice as our parking officers will be able to accurately check and confirm with RingGo whether a payment has been made,” added Cllr Smith.

The RingGo service will be available in Felixstowe from Thursday, January 28 at the following car parks: Crescent Road, Highfield Road, Ranelagh Road, Convalescent Hill, Felixstowe Leisure Centre, Pier Bight, Pier Front and the Spa Pavilion. The following seasonal car parks will also have the service when charges apply during the summer months: Brackenbury Fort, Clifflands, Golf Road, Sea Road and Arwela Road.

“Drivers will still be able to pay with coins, but this service makes parking hassle free with no need to worry about rushing back to top up pay and display tickets, users can quickly and easily do it over the phone without returning to their car,” added Cllr Smith.

Residents wanting to register ahead of time can do so by visiting www.ringgo.co.uk where they can also find out more about the RingGo service.





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Economic support fund helps even more local projects

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Suffolk Coastal District Council is continuing to put hard cash to work to help sustain the local economy and support business projects in its market towns.

Through its Economic Development Support Fund (EDSF) grants have just been awarded to two more local projects helping businesses and population centres to thrive as tourist and retail destinations.

“Wickham Market Parish Council has just been awarded over £7,500 to help improve the town as a tourist and retail destination by improving business signs so that visitors will be drawn to visit the town centre and the surrounding shops,” said Cllr Colin Hart, Cabinet Member for Economic Development.

The Businesses of Saxmundham have also been awarded £6,990 to help encourage increased tourism and retail during the next Christmas period. Working in partnership with the Heritage Coast Market Town initiative they hope to attract more people to the town so that local retailers and businesses see an increase in visitors to coordinated local events. Joint working will maximise success while making efficient use of limited resources.

“So far the support fund has awarded over £40,500 worth of funding to local town or parish councils, businesses and population centres as a source of funding for specific projects that will promote economic growth and vitality. The fund is supported by money received from the government as part of the Local Authority Business Growth Incentive Scheme (LABGI) so there is no cost to local council taxpayers,” added Cllr Hart.

Previous projects supported by Suffolk Coastal’s EDSF include a monthly business breakfast club organised by Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre designed to help keep local businesses up to date with legislative changes and brush up on new business skills. The breakfast club is now up and running supporting over 300 community businesses and employers across Kesgrave and Martlesham.

“Suffolk Coastal boasts many rural businesses and organisations so we are keen to ensure that they are supported during the current economic climate which has been particularly tough on some of our smaller sized businesses. The sums involved are fairly modest but by creating the fund we have clearly encouraged local organisations to come up with innovative ideas to stimulate local economies.

“After the success of previous funding applications I hope that other local businesses and organisations in the district will be encouraged to find out how their towns can benefit from the support that may be available to them.” added Cllr Hart.

Applications are welcome from market towns and population centres from all parts of the district except Felixstowe and Woodbridge which are already benefitting from separate economic development schemes.

To find out more about the EDSF and how to apply for support, those interested in applying can visit www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/helpingpeople/communitygrants/supportfund or contact a member of the economic regeneration and development team on 01394 444625 or email sonia.lambert@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

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Local views must have a voice on Sizewell

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Councillors have reiterated their calls on the Government to ensure that Suffolk Coastal's communities have a chance to make their local voice heard on the possible building of a new nuclear power station at Sizewell.

Last night's (Tuesday) Cabinet meeting debated the Council's official response to the Government's National Policy Statements for Energy Infrastructure, which include the assessment that Sizewell may be suitable for a new nuclear power station.

"The Government is still not recognising the importance of ensuring that local knowledge and concerns are taken fully on board if plans for Sizewell are ever submitted. We remain committed to demanding that the communities of Suffolk Coastal must have the right to reject any proposal which has an unreasonable local impact," said Cllr Andrew Nunn, Cabinet Member for the Green Environment.

"The Government announced in November that it thought that Sizewell would be a suitable site for its nuclear expansion programme and launched a consultation exercise. I hope it will now listen to our calls for a real local say, which cannot be brushed aside because of national priorities.

"Any decision on a new Sizewell must take into account local impacts in terms of design and detailed location, and the capacity of the local community and environment to absorb development of this scale. There must be the scope for a refusal should these local issues not be successfully resolved, whatever the national need for more electricity," added Cllr Nunn.

Suffolk Coastal is calling for there to be a positive lasting legacy should a new power station be approved, which would help compensate the local communities for the disruption that would occur during the potentially seven year long construction period.

Among the possible projects that Cabinet identified that would be appropriate for the area around Sizewell are improvements to local roads, coastal defences, housing and community facilities.

Concerns were also raised about major costs likely to be incurred for the Council to carry out the in-depth work on behalf of the local community which any application will inevitably require. This includes the full analysis of all the details of the applications, local consultation, and the monitoring of any conditions included in a planning permission.

"Usually we would be able to rely on the fees from the planning applications to fund this work, but the Government intends that its new Infrastructure Planning Commission will retain the entire fee for the application and make the final decision," said Cllr Andy Smith, Cabinet Member for Planning.

"This Council and the Local Government Association, which represents councils across the country, have pressed the Government to make part of the fee available to us, so as to ensure we can properly protect the interests of our communities. However those pleas have been

rebuffed.

“We will have no choice but to seek funding from the applicant EDF, as we are not prepared to put this burden on to our local Council Taxpayers. It is something we are reluctant to do but we believe we can draw up an agreement that will ensure our independence while giving us the resources to do what we have to do,” added Cllr Smith.



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Tree thinning at Sutton Heath will restore heathland

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As part of a heathland restoration project tree thinning will be taking place at Sutton Heath near Woodbridge this month.

Specialist contractors begin work today (Monday, February 8) and will take between two and three weeks to complete the work.

“Sutton Heath is part of the Suffolk Sandlings European Special Protection Area and is a nationally recognised Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) so we are obliged to ensure the area is maintained for future generations,” said Cllr Mary Neale, Cabinet Member for Countryside and Leisure.

“If the area was left unmanaged it would continue to lose its important habitats. By being proactive we hope to reverse this trend and so provide benefits for both people and wildlife” added Cllr Neale.

Large areas of the Sandlings Heaths have been lost over the last 60 years, much of which has been overtaken by pine and birch trees. Suffolk Coastal’s countryside team, with the support of government grants, has restored about half of the Sutton Heath site during the past 20 years.

“We will now receive over £120,000 of funding from Natural England through a 10 year Higher Level Stewardship agreement which will enable us to carry out the restoration of the remaining area at Sutton Heath,” added Cllr Neale.

When the conservation work is completed it is intended that there will be more areas of open heath, a restored shelter belt of pine trees running from north to south, and an area of traditional chestnut coppice with some mature oak trees. The extracted timber will be used for various purposes including being processed as fencing materials or chipped for wood fuel.

Suffolk Coastal is working with support from the Suffolk Wildlife Trust, the Forestry Commission, Natural England and the Suffolk Coast and Heath Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Unit.

For more information about the works being carried out or the management of Sutton Heath residents can contact the countryside and open space manager, John Davies, on 01394 444602 or email john.davies@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk To find out more about SSSIs and Suffolk Coastal’s policies towards nature conservation residents can visit www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/planning/localplan/nature



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Councils to press ahead with efficiencies despite Government fudge

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The Government's announcement today (Wednesday) that no changes will be made to local councils in Suffolk until after a special countywide meeting is held to agree the way forward has been attacked as causing even more uncertainty.

Suffolk Coastal and Waveney want to concentrate on delivering more efficient services and even better value in the future, and had called on the Government to reject the Boundary Committee for England's (BCE) final fatally flawed recommendations for Suffolk.

"We congratulate the Government for not implementing the BCE's final report. The stark reality is that the financial figures were wildly out of date, that it would exclude rather than involve local people, that it did not recognise the different needs of our varied communities, and that it did not reflect what the people of Suffolk actually want," said Cllr Ray Herring, Leader of Suffolk Coastal and Cllr Mark Bee, Leader of Waveney.

"We can and will meet Suffolk's challenges - Suffolk Coastal and Waveney are developing a 'super-district' model to reflect the shared ambitions of our communities, and indeed only last night (Tuesday) we had our first public Joint Board meeting, and similar partnership agreements are also underway involving Babergh and Mid Suffolk.

"We are ready to press ahead with our work to ensure our communities receive a high quality of service, and value for money, in a way that they can be fully involved with. We have had to put up with an unsettling uncertainty about our future since 2007 and this latest fudge from the Government will cause even more delays and distractions.

"While we welcome the fact that now the communities of Suffolk may at long last have the chance to have their voice heard at this County Constitutional Convention, we are not sure whether we will be able to consult with everyone either before such an event, or about the conclusions that could emerge, or whether there will be any Government support for any changes.

"One thing that must not avoid close scrutiny is the actions of the BCE, who must itself now be reviewed. The way its review was conducted was farcical and showed a complete disregard for local councils, communities and democracy. We have all been losers because of the half-hearted and half-baked way the BCE has acted," added Cllrs Herring and Bee.



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Transport service helps young people go somewhere

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Children and young people in Suffolk Coastal can now get around to evening and weekend events as the Going Somewhere youth transport service is offering much needed transport across the district.

The transport service will be launched in two phases. The first will introduce a brokerage service, giving any youth club or organisation access to travel so that young people can come along to after school activities and weekend and holiday clubs.

"The youth transport service is a great addition to the district and will support a significant number of young people aged 5 to 19 all over the district. It will help them to take part in activities they would not have been able to access and also improve the quality of their leisure time," said Cllr Doreen Savage, Suffolk Coastal Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) Board Member for Young People.

The service will be available from Monday, February 22. Clubs and organisations can register for the service or volunteer their vehicles by contacting the Coastal Accessible Transport Service (CATS) team based in Leiston which already provides community transport services Dial-a-ride and Coastlink.

"We are still pinpointing the exact hours and locations the service will be able to help on a regular basis but we hope to have the service up and running during weekday evenings, school holidays and weekends so that young people will get the most out of it," added Cllr Savage.

The second phase of the project is a demand led service where individuals or small groups can request and book transport in advance for a small flat fee. This second service will be available from April 2, on a limited basis as and when volunteer drivers and vehicles are available.

"It will be a much needed resource for many young people, especially in the more rural parts of our district, that are unable to participate in local group activities or attend events because of limited access to travel or lack of public transport in their area.

"There is the potential to help a great number of young people in the district and I am confident that many local groups will be keen to sign up and make use of the service. This is the perfect opportunity for young people to take up something new and I hope that a great number will do so and no longer be hindered from joining in because of travel arrangements," added Cllr Savage.

For more information about the transport service or how to get involved volunteering with the service, residents can contact the CATS team, which are organising the brokerage service on 01728 830516 or email lynn.butler@cats-paws.co.uk or andrew.down@suffolk.gov.uk

The Going Somewhere youth transport service is a Suffolk Coastal LSP project supported by Suffolk County Council's Transport and Youth Service, Extended Services, volunteer youth

groups Level 2, Rochford House and CYDS and Suffolk Coastal District Council.

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Tesco guilty of mice and poor cleaning at local store

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Tesco Stores Limited was today (Monday) found guilty of a number of serious offences relating to its store in Anson Road, Martlesham after Suffolk Coastal's food safety team reported a catalogue of problems there in 2007.

Because of poor cleansing and inadequate procedures, parts of the store had become dirty and mice were active in many areas, with the public reporting seeing them running around the shop floor.

"This is quite a shocking case where basic procedures appear to have been ignored and inadequate measures taken to put right what had clearly become quite a significant and very public problem with mice," said Cllr Sherrie Green, Cabinet Member for Community Health.

"It is bad enough not to have had in place the basic safeguards that would have prevented rodents gaining access to the store, but I am amazed at the lack of serious action then taken to put an end to the problem.

"This case first went to Court in May 2008, after which it was regularly adjourned as Tesco requested more time to prepare its detailed defence. Today's guilty verdicts only strengthens my disappointment that the management at the store failed to take the appropriate timely action. I can only hope that this will act as a warning to others that they must keep up their standards," added Cllr Green.

Suffolk Coastal first became involved after a complaint at the end of April 2007 from a member of the public that they had seen a live rodent on the shop floor at Tesco Extra.

The store's pest control records showed that there had been mice activity since the previous month, and that it had progressed from the warehouse and waste areas onto the retail and shop floor. Although private pest controllers had been called in, their visits were not on a daily basis.

The Council's food safety team's investigation on April 30 discovered food debris on the shop floor, and behind the counter of the delicatessen, as well as droppings in the hot deli area and in the warehouse.

"Our team was really concerned that cleaning was not being carried out properly in the store, leaving a number of attractive possible food sources for the mice. Further investigations traced the problem back to the waste compactor which was not pest proofed, a pretty basic error of judgement.

"The mice were attracted by the smell of the compactor and were feeding on the waste inside and initially nesting inside it. From there they moved into the store via a wall cavity where the failure to clean properly meant that conditions proved to be equally attractive.

"There were at least two breeding nests actually in the store, one between the clothing and fresh produce aisle, and the other in the barbeque aisle, and we eventually had five different members of the public report seeing live rodents in the store. The failure to follow basic procedures and to take serious action promptly meant that it was July 2007 before the problem was removed.

Numerous visits were made by our officers to closely monitor the situation and ensure that there was not a serious enough risk to demand closure," added Cllr Green.

Tesco were found guilty of eight offences of failing to comply with European legislation Regulation (EC) 852/2004 Article 4, Annex II which specifies the hygiene rules that must be complied with by food business operators. Failure to comply with the Regulation is an offence under Regulation 17 (1) of the Food Hygiene (England) Regulations 2006.

Tesco was fined £17,000 in total and were required to pay £57,000 towards the costs of Suffolk Coastal.

Full list of offences:

- That between April 30, 2007 and June 13, 2007, the accused failed to ensure that adequate procedures were in place to control pests, namely mice, at food premises at Tesco Extra, Anson Road, Martlesham.
- That between April 30, 2007 and August 15, 2007, the accused failed to ensure that the construction of food premises at Tesco Extra, Anson Road, Martlesham permitted good food hygiene practices in that the said premises were not adequately pest proofed against rodents.
- That on April 30, 2007 the accused failed to ensure that food premises at Tesco Extra, Anson Road, Martlesham were kept clean in that there was an accumulation of food debris and potential nesting material beneath display units on the shop floor, grease and rodent droppings on the floor in the delicatessen area and rodent droppings in the warehouse.
- That on May 1, 2007 the accused failed to ensure that food premises at Tesco Extra, Martlesham were kept clean in that there were accumulations of food debris, potential nesting materials, rodent droppings and milk residues on the shop floor and rodent droppings in the warehouse.
- That on May 18, 2007 the accused you failed to ensure that food premises at Tesco Extra, Anson Road, Martlesham were kept clean in that there were accumulations of food debris on the floor in the bakery.
- That on May 21, 2007 the accused failed to ensure that food premises at Tesco Extra, Anson Road, Martlesham were kept clean in that there was a build up of food debris on the floor in the bakery.
- That on June 28, 2007 the accused failed to ensure that food premises at Tesco Extra, Anson, Martlesham were kept clean in that there was an accumulation of litter and grease on the floor around the waste compactor, below the compactor chute and around the waste container in the yard.
- That on July 13, 2007 the accused failed to ensure that food premises at Tesco Extra were kept clean in that there was waste and debris on the floor below the compactor chute and below the compactor in the yard.

Follow this link to see the [photographs presented to the Court](#) by Suffolk Coastal's Food Safety team during the prosecution case.



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Community projects set green example

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Suffolk Coastal District Council and the Suffolk Biodiversity Partnership (SBP) are leading the way in protecting the future of the local green environment as part of a series of community projects funded by the Suffolk Coastal Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) promoting biodiversity in local green spaces.

Residents in Suffolk Coastal have recognised the importance of protecting green spaces and wildlife and have been working hard organising community projects to investigate and conserve biodiversity in the district.

“There have been several community groups formed across the district all working with the common goal of conserving wildlife habitats, rural areas and the local environment,” said Mary Dixon, LSP Board Member for Climate Change and the Environment.

The LSP has funded an innovative study in Suffolk Coastal led by the SBP to identify and compile a database of existing community projects which aim to conserve local green spaces and benefit wildlife conservation. The SBP have been working in close partnership with Suffolk Wildlife Trust and The Green Light Trust to provide information and support for the project.

These practical projects have created new accessible green spaces and maintained existing ones by clearing, coppicing and planting native trees, hedges and wild flowers. Communities have been able to find out more about their local wildlife by conducting surveys of the birds, mammals, invertebrates and plants and have been feeling the health benefits of doing something active for the local community.

“The biodiversity projects taking place in Suffolk Coastal have shown that there are a great number of people interested in conserving their local green spaces for the community to enjoy and I hope that the district remains an example to others, encouraging them to be proactive about looking after the environment and taking pride in the local community.

“Projects have been established across the district at locations including Hacheston, Snape, Martlesham, Levington, Felixstowe and Westleton. After the success of work carried out in Suffolk Coastal I am sure that many more residents will be inspired to get involved and see more projects flourish,” added Mrs Dixon.

The majority of these projects have been set up with the practical help and guidance of experts from organisations such as the Suffolk Wildlife Trust, The Green Light Trust, The Woodland Trust and the British Trust for Ornithology. Detailed information about each of the projects can be found online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/Environment/Biodiversity/Community+projects

For further information residents can contact the SBP Biodiversity officer at gen.broad@suffolk.gov.uk

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Budget will mean better services and even better value

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Suffolk Coastal has agreed a budget that will mean only an eight pence increase in the weekly cost of its services to an average Band D home while bringing its total of efficiencies made since 2001 to over £10 million.

The Full Council voted last night (Thursday) to set a Council Tax for a Band D home of £149.40, up by 2.9 per cent or £4.14 a year from 2009/10. A total of £7.4 million will be raised from the district's Council Taxpayers to fund the Council's annual budget of £15.68 million.

"This budget will help us deliver what we know our residents want and expect from this Council – better services and even better value. We have been reviewing every part of our work to see where we can make it more efficient and relevant to what is needed by our communities," said Cllr Ray Herring, Leader of Suffolk Coastal.

"It has been tough year as we have had to set sound financial foundations in order to tackle a budget gap between our current spending levels and service costs of £3.5 million over the next three years.

"The farcical confusion of the Government's review of local councils in Suffolk has been a time-consuming and wasteful distraction. We will now concentrate on our efforts to become even more efficient, working closer with our colleagues in Waveney to maximise the benefits of partnerships to minimise costs while delivering improvements," added Cllr Herring.

The Leader presented the Budget last night able to present a summary of success over the last year, with the Council having received a rating from its residents that no-one else in Suffolk bettered.

Last night's decision meant it was the seventh year in a row that the Council has kept its Council Tax increase to below five per cent a year.

"We will continue to concentrate our efforts on working in partnership to deliver improvements to the quality of life in our district. In just a few weeks we will have seen:

- the final parts of the district being linked to our improved recycling service,
- hard-pressed towns and villages assisted directly with projects to boost their local economies,
- night-time and weekend transport on offer for young people in our rural areas, help for our local communities to go greener,
- free or subsidised home insulation works, with specific help for our elderly residents to make sure they do not miss out, and

- town centre car parking charges frozen until 2012, with no changes in 16 of our 28 car parks.

“We have been, and we will have to continue, reviewing all of our services to wring out every last possible efficiency from them but this is being done in a carefully planned way to minimise and control the impact. Where we have had to increase our charges, we have done so as fairly as possible.

“Until we finally have a Government that is ready to give a fairer share of the national funding pot to rural councils like this one, it will continue to be a battle to balance our books while meeting the demands of our communities. However, we are committed to winning that battle,” added Cllr Herring.

The Council’s total budget has risen by £457,000 since last year, despite planned efficiency savings and additional income of £1.85 million. While the Council is investing £402,000 in improved services, inflation alone will cost it a further £464,000 and its fixed costs will increase by £884,000.

Follow this link to view the Leader of the Council's budget presentation [Delivering success - working with and for our communities \(new window PDF 191KB\)](#).



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Holiday guide showcases district at its best

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The 2010 edition of Choose Suffolk Coastal, the district's holiday guide, is set for its official launch promoting a picture of holiday perfection enticing visitors wanting a short break or longer vacation in fantastic surroundings.

The official launch is taking place on Friday, February 26 at Leiston Long Shop Museum with a welcome speech from Suffolk Coastal's Chairman, Cllr Stephen Burroughes.

"This year's edition of the holiday guide is slightly different from previous years, being a handy A5 compact size, ideal for taking out and about while travelling in the district. It includes details of accommodation lettings in the district, ideas for things to do and places to visit and discover," said Cllr Colin Hart, Cabinet Member for Tourism.

Suffolk Coastal proves to be a big draw with millions of visitors year after year as it has something for everyone. There are over 40 miles of scenic coastline, many of which are areas of outstanding natural beauty, picturesque countryside and great cycle and walking paths making perfect locations for exploring and spotting wildlife in its natural habitat.

"There is also plenty on offer to satisfy all tastes as the district boasts several market towns brimming with history and tradition. Youngsters in the family will always find something to do with numerous indoor and outdoor activities and places to discover," added Cllr Hart.

Suffolk Coastal's appeal is far reaching and is accessible within two to three hours from London, the Home Counties and the Midlands, making it a perfect location for a weekend or short break to escape and relax by the coast or in the country.

"The 2010 edition of the holiday guide features many of the most popular destinations in the district but also some of the best kept secrets, giving visitors the chance to enjoy a local feel of the many striking areas in Suffolk Coastal.

"The launch of the holiday guide is the perfect opportunity to showcase our beautiful and varied district and I hope that we will see even more people coming to visit the district in 2010, getting to know the areas we already know and love," added Cllr Hart.

During the current financial climate more and more people are choosing to holiday closer to home and Suffolk Coastal is the perfect destination to please all the family at any time of the year.

"Roughly 10 per cent of jobs in Suffolk Coastal are in tourism related industries and with more people choosing to holiday in Britain we hope to see local tourism and businesses benefit from more visitors coming to the area as a result of support from the holiday guide," added Cllr Hart.

For more information about the holiday guide or to order or download a copy of Choose Suffolk Coastal 2010, please visit www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/tourism or contact the economic development team on 01394 444451.





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Girdlestones site given conditional approval

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With a list of over 20 conditions intended to control and mitigate the impact of the development on the neighbouring area, Suffolk Coastal gave a provisional go-ahead to plans to create 8,000 square metres of business units in Melton.

The former Girdlestones Pumps site at Station Road has been derelict since 1997 when the manufacturers went out of business, and debate over the last three years have been about proposals to redevelop the land.

“Last November we asked the applicants Riduna Holdings Ltd to submit a revised set of plans which reduced the size of the buildings from three storey to two storey as we had significant concerns about the scale of their proposed development,” said Cllr Ivan Jowers, Chairman of the South Area Development Control Sub-Committee.

“Their revised plans have cut the amount of floor space from 14,410 to just over 8,000 square metres, with nearly 200 fewer car parking spaces, and as before, we have considered all the information and advice we have been given. We have now reached a conclusion that on balance it should be given the go-ahead.

“We have heard and recognise the concerns of the local community, but we have to make decisions solely on justifiable planning grounds. I believe that the reduced scale of the development, and the 21 different conditions that we will impose if the applicant proceeds, have gone a significant way to controlling any detrimental impacts the scheme could have on Melton,” added Cllr Jowers.

At yesterday's (Thursday) meeting, Chris Watson of Riduna said they wanted to create modern new work places over an eight year period, offering a small hi-tech business centre at the front of the site aimed at start-up or home-based entrepreneurs, with larger units on site that they could move into when needed.

Riduna publicly rejected requests that the Girdlestones site should be developed in tandem with the neighbouring Carters site as it would not be economically viable as the other site was more at risk of flooding.

“I note that at no stage has there been any local demands for this site not to be used for employment purposes, and that the debate has been about the scale, suitability and traffic implications of any future use.

“Its previous history makes this site right for a development of this type, the County Council's highways experts found no reason to object to the amount of extra traffic that it will cause, and the final plans are of a scale which should sit relatively sympathetically with its neighbours.

“For those reasons, there were no reasonable planning grounds to refuse this application. Instead, we should now look forward to it helping to bring new and much-needed employment opportunities to both Melton and the rest of the district,” added Cllr Jowers.

Among the conditions that are to be imposed on the developers are that they should help pay for

an upgrading of Melton level crossing, traffic calming in Station Road, a pelican crossing in Wilford Bridge Road and improved traffic lights at the Melton cross roads.

Other conditions included Council approval of building materials to be used, restrictions on hours of operation, additional landscaping, and a phased development of the site.



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Town pastors receive training boost

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One of Suffolk Coastal's latest Community Safety Partnership supported projects, the Felixstowe Town Pastors scheme, is set to benefit next week from additional help as part of a joint training event.

New recruits to the town pastors scheme in Felixstowe will receive an informative training session about drug awareness on Monday, March 8 along with volunteers from the Ipswich Town Pastors scheme.

"The town pastors are providing an excellent service supporting local Safer Neighbourhood Teams, pub and club licensees, as well as youth agencies, and it is important that they receive necessary training that may help them when out and about in our towns," said Cllr Sherrie Green, Chair of the Suffolk Coastal Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

Trainees attending the course will learn how to spot the signs of drug misuse and the potential risks this may cause them, be made aware of the health risks of drug misuse and how best to tackle anti-social behaviour as a result of drug misuse.

"The Suffolk Coastal CSP supports the town pastors in both Felixstowe and Woodbridge and is keen to ensure that the volunteers have access to the necessary skills to confidently go out into the community and interact with the public safely," added Cllr Green.

The drug awareness training is one of several training opportunities for the town pastors each designed to equip them with the response skills they may need while out in the district.

"The CSP supported town pastors scheme in Felixstowe has been running for a few months now and it is great to see the positive reaction they are receiving in the community.

"They are a friendly and welcome presence encouraging and promoting responsible drinking, positive relationships with the police and local authorities and deterring anti-social behaviour and criminal activity," added Cllr Green.

The training course is being jointly run by substance misuse officers from Suffolk Coastal and Ipswich, offering training to pastors in Felixstowe and Ipswich. This gives pastors from different locations the opportunity to get together, share experiences and offer useful advice to one another while brushing up on their skills.

For more information about the projects supported by Suffolk Coastal's CSP, residents can contact the substance misuse officer on 07768 817607 or email Julia.catterwell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk For more information about the individual town pastors schemes residents can visit www.felixstowetownpastors.org.uk or www.woodbridgetownpastors.org.uk

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Free parking boost for shoppers in Felixstowe

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As part of improvements being made to Hamilton Road in Felixstowe, Suffolk Coastal has created 19 new free 30 minute car parking spaces to help residents and visitors shopping in the town and businesses get through the worst of the current harsh economic times.

7 free spaces are located in Crescent Road car park, in bays to the left of the exit, and 12 in Highfield Road car park, in a row opposite the entrance. The spaces are clearly marked for single visits of up to 30 minutes.

“We have taken this initiative to provide assistance to shops in Felixstowe’s main shopping area which are suffering from the current downturn in trade and who may also be affected by the improvements being made to Hamilton Road. These new free spaces will hopefully help shoppers to continue to regularly visit the town centre without worrying about where to park,” said Cllr Andy Smith, Cabinet Member responsible for Car Parks.

“As part of the Felixstowe Futures initiative, a Shared Space scheme is being created in Hamilton Road which, when completed, will make it a much more attractive location for shoppers, but inevitably there is some inconvenience while the work is underway. As a result we have acted quickly to provide some free parking spaces for those shoppers who just want to nip into one shop. Suffolk Coastal’s staff will monitor them in order to ensure they are used properly. People who stay longer than the 30 minutes, or similarly misuse them, may expect to get a parking ticket, so as to be fair to everyone.

“Similar schemes are in place in Woodbridge’s Hamblin Road, Saxmundham’s Market Place, and Wickham Market and have proved to be popular and very successful. I am sure it will also work very well for residents, visitors and town centre shops in Felixstowe,” added Cllr Smith.

For those who want to park for longer, there are still plenty of spaces in both the Highfield Road and Crescent Road car parks, and with the new RingGo system people can even pay for or top up their parking ticket by using their mobile phone calling 01394 642645 for details.

Hamilton Road is currently closed to traffic while work is carried out to create a shared space scheme, due to be completed by the end of October. The shared space will include a single level walk way and new seating areas making the shopping parade much safer and more inviting to residents and visitors. There will still be vehicular access for loading and some parking for blue badge holders as well as increased accessibility for pedestrians.

For more information about the new 30 minute free parking spaces contact Carolyn Barnes on 01394 444436 or email car.parking@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk. To find out more about the improvement works to Hamilton Road and to see an artist’s impression of the completed project, residents can visit www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/felixstowefutures/projects/sharedspace

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Seafront Gardens consultants to involve public in design plans

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The ongoing efforts to get the community fully involved in the campaign to refurbish Felixstowe's Seafront Gardens has seen a consultancy team appointed to help ensure that local views are at the heart of any new designs.

Suffolk Coastal successfully gained over £150,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) in June 2009 to help it develop its proposals for the future of the gardens and recently appointed Lanarca Limited to lead the development of its multi-million pound bid to the second round of the HLF's Parks for People Programme.

"Over the past two years there has been a lot of work to pave the way for the renovation of the Seafront Gardens and Lanarca will play a key role in helping the community identify what the future of the Seafront Gardens may be," said Cllr Mary Neale, Cabinet Member for Countryside and Leisure.

"The deadline for submitting the HLF second round design proposals is February 2011 and we want to use the time to consult with the public and come up with designs and features for visitors to the Seafront Gardens.

"Lanarca has a wealth of experience carrying out similar projects and I am confident that after involving people, its team will come up with some very inventive ideas that will excite and interest local residents and visitors," added Cllr Neale.

Suffolk Coastal wants to make sure the restoration plans developed by Lanarca really involve local people, particularly as the HLF will want to see that local people have a direct role in shaping the designs for the Seafront Gardens.

Rachael McCormack, Director of Lanarca said "We are delighted that Lanarca's team has been appointed to deliver the next phase of this exciting project. We are looking forward to talking to local people and visitors to the Seafront Gardens to find out more about their priorities for restoration. We will be working closely with the Council to make sure that we capture the community's views including those who perhaps no longer use the Seafront Gardens."

Success at the second round of the HLF will largely depend on how involved the community has been in the plans and whether there are high levels of support for the proposals.

"We are looking for volunteers to help us understand who uses the Seafront Gardens, how they are used and what the popular activities are and why it is such an important and special place for so many people. By getting involved our residents can help secure the future of the Seafront Gardens," added Cllr Neale.

Anyone wanting to find out more information about the Seafront Gardens project or become a volunteer can contact Caroline Driver by emailing seafrontgardens@lanarca.co.uk or calling 01394 444239.

The renovation project is part of the Parks for People Programme which is supported by the HLF. It is also one of the lead projects of the Felixstowe and Trimley Peninsula Futures regeneration programme being supported by Suffolk Coastal, local businesses, community groups and the Haven Gateway Partnership.

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Adastral Close set to go greener

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Work is underway to enhance the look of Adastral Close in Felixstowe to help maintain the area and improve the green spaces around homes closest to the Port of Felixstowe.

Work will be taking place this week carried out by staff from Orwell Housing Association along with land and countryside students from Otley College looking to get some practical experience in local conservation management.

“As part of the planning consent and legal agreement allowing the dock expansion, Hutchinson Ports agreed to pay Suffolk Coastal to ensure that an agreed programme of landscape enhancement took place at Adastral Close. We are now working alongside Orwell to make sure this is implemented,” said Cllr Andy Smith, Cabinet Member for Planning.

The work will involve planting native species along the road frontage and boundaries surrounding the homes. Species that have been selected include pine, holm oak, poplar, whitebeam, rowan, birch, sycamore, broom, hawthorn, sea buckthorn, buddleia, spindle, burnet rose and tamarix.

“The trees and plants have been chosen to suit the conditions at Adastral Close and we have selected them as they should cope well in the thin and dry soil conditions attracting a wide range of birds and insects to the area,” added Cllr Smith.

The students, supervised by staff from Orwell, carrying out the work will have the opportunity to get valuable practical experience of landscaping and conservation including planting and maintaining trees, shrubs and plants and installing rabbit fencing and boundary sound attenuation fencing. This will help them use what they have learnt in the classroom and perfect their practical skills.

The landscaping work will be a great improvement to the residential area and will not only help to reduce the noise from the docks but will also help to improve the greener environment of the area which will benefit from the pruning and planting of new trees and plants.

“We have been working jointly with Orwell Housing and the Adastral Close Residents Association to decide the best plans for the enhancement of the area and recommending the most suitable planting choices. We have been making sure that the plans meet the specification for the green enhancement of the area and we will continue to be involved with the work, monitoring the project and making sure that it is completed to a high standard for the residents to enjoy,” added Cllr Smith.

For more information about the landscaping work taking place residents can contact Suffolk Coastal's landscape officer on 01394 444420 or email anne.westover@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk



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Felixstowe is keeping crime in focus

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Felixstowe's closed circuit television (CCTV) system is extending its reach with four more cameras being added and bringing the total up to nine that are helping the police tackle crime and anti-social behaviour.

The four latest cameras will be in place by Easter on the Ordnance roundabout, Convalescent Hill, Bent Hill and Crescent Road car par and have been funded by donations from the Suffolk Coastal Community Safety Partnership, Suffolk Coastal, Lidl and Grange Shipping.

"Since it was launched in December 2008, the CCTV system has played an important part in supporting the work of the police in Felixstowe and I am proud that we have managed to obtain an additional £35,000 to expand and improve the service," said Cllr Doreen Savage, Chairman of the Felixstowe CCTV Partnership.

"The initial funding for the service was from the Home Office but since then it really has become a community run facility, with vital cash support from local organisations and the wonderful pool of volunteers who donate their time to monitor the images.

"I would like to particularly thank the latest partners to support the partnership, as the £1,500 from Lidl and the £1,500 from Grange Shipping have been vital to allow us to offer this latest improvement. From having no CCTV in Felixstowe to now have 9 cameras is a brilliant example of community partnership," added Cllr Savage.

The Felixstowe CCTV Partnership includes members of the police, Suffolk Coastal, Felixstowe Town Council, and the Chamber of Trade and Commerce. There are now 17 police support volunteers (PSVs) who monitor the live link and direct police resources as they arise.

"We are very thankful to the police volunteers who donate their time. The CCTV cameras are making a real difference to the safety and quality of life within Felixstowe town and the seafront, and are helping us all reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

"Local councils and the police are committed to improving everyone's quality of life. Suffolk Coastal is a safe place to live and visit but we know that even more can be done. Working together with the community we can take pride in making our district even safer," added Cllr Savage.

One of the improvements will see the volunteers having a 46 inch widescreen television which means that all nine cameras can be seen easily on a screen at the same time.

"The police aim to protect local people to the best of their ability, but we cannot watch all places at all times. The PSVs who monitor the CCTV add an important element to our policing, allowing us to stay one step ahead with notification of incidents in progress, and giving us substantial evidence for charging," said Inspector Steve Gallant of the Felixstowe and District Safer Neighbourhood Team.

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Approval for air quality improvement plans

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The Government recently approved Suffolk Coastal's 2009 Updating and Screening Assessment Report, which looks at air quality for the entire district, together with the draft Air Quality Action Plan for the busy road junction of Lime Kiln Quay Road, Thoroughfare and St. John's Street in Woodbridge.

Following declaration of an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) at the Woodbridge junction, extensive public consultation resulted in 79 potential measures to reduce emissions from road traffic and improve air quality.

"Each measure was fully investigated in relation to air quality impact, cost and feasibility, culminating in a list of 20 measures recommended for implementation," said Cllr Andrew Nunn, Cabinet Member for the Green Environment.

"The Action Plan details the 20 measures to be implemented, how they will be monitored and an assessment of the benefits that should occur as a result. The Government said the draft plan has every chance of being successful in reducing emissions and improving air quality to within guideline levels within the AQMA.

"However, this is still a draft and we now want to hear from the public before it is finalised. Local residents and stakeholders helped us produce a robust plan of action and we are hoping for another overwhelming response this time," added Cllr Nunn.

Once agreed, the final Action Plan will be a working document subject to any changes deemed necessary as it progresses – it is hoped that in this way it will have maximum success for the junction.

Inevitably, the draft Action Plan has taken time to develop but Council officers have regularly monitored air quality at the junction and worked to introduce any measures in the interim.

A new traffic signalling system was installed at the junction in late 2009 to more effectively control queues as it can adapt to the conditions on the ground at any time and alter the light sequencing accordingly. This should have a significant effect on queues and therefore air quality levels.

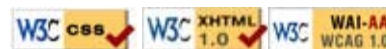
No new sites in the district have been identified as being of concern, and work is underway to produce a Further Assessment report and draft Action Plan for the only other AQMA at Ferry Lane in Felixstowe.

The draft Action Plan for the Woodbridge junction and the Updating and Screening Assessment report, are both available on the Council's website at www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/envprotection/airquality or can be seen at the Council's offices at Melton Hill, Woodbridge and Undercliff Road West, Felixstowe.

Comments are welcomed from residents on the report and draft Action Plan. Written comments can be sent to environmental protection at the Council's offices, Melton Hill, Woodbridge IP12

1AU, or emailed to environmental.protection@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk, or via the response sheet available on the website. The closing date for comments is May 28, 2010.

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More affordable homes given the go-ahead

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Three more small sites are set to be developed to increase the amount of affordable homes in the district after the go-ahead was recently given by Suffolk Coastal to the plans.

Two two-bedroom homes in Weyland Road, Witnesham, two two-bedroom homes and one two-bedroom bungalow in Levington Road, Bucklesham, and one two-bedroom and four three-bedroom homes in Old Post Office Lane, Sutton were approved by the South Area and North Area Development Control Sub-Committees.

“One of the most significant challenges facing this district is finding enough new affordable homes for our residents and I welcome the fact that Flagship Housing is playing its part in meeting current and future needs,” said Cllr Ivan Jowers, Chairman of the Development Control Committees.

“These three applications will make a small but significant impact by providing modern affordable homes in three of our more rural areas where the demand is just as high but can be more challenging to meet.

“In each case, the relevant committee had to look carefully at each application but with each of these we believe that the advantages are clear and that, with planning conditions to help defuse any local concerns, each scheme should be given the go-ahead,” added Cllr Jowers.

The five homes at Sutton will be partly funded by four also being built on the site for sale, and the Bucklesham scheme will similarly see three additional homes for sale. The scheme at Witnesham is being supported by Homes and Communities Agency funding on land that is owned by Suffolk Coastal.

Two of the three sites are within the existing village envelopes, where housing development is permitted, while the Witnesham site is just outside the boundary but is being allowed as a special exception to the rules as it will mean more homes for rent for local people.





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New Aldeburgh TIC service is just the ticket

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Aldeburgh's Tourist Information Centre (TIC) will be the platform for another new service when from next week people will be able to buy a range of train tickets.

Suffolk Coastal has linked up again with National Express East Anglia to offer residents and visitors the same services that has been popular in Felixstowe since September last year.

“From Tuesday, March 23, people will be able to pop into Aldeburgh TIC and buy a selection of peak and off-peak rail tickets for travel to London and selected routes around East Anglia,” said Cllr Stephen Burroughes, Chairman of Suffolk Coastal.

“Although Aldeburgh lost its own station in 1966 as part of the savage cuts introduced to our railways back then, we think there is still a demand for people to be able to buy their tickets in the town for journeys from Saxmundham or other stations.

“This is another useful addition to the excellent range of services that are on offer at all our TICs that are there to help our residents as well as visitors to the district,” added Cllr Burroughes.

Cllr Burroughes will officially launch the new service on Tuesday at 10.30am when he visits the TIC. For more information about Suffolk Coastal's three TICs at Aldeburgh, Felixstowe and Woodbridge visit www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/tourism/tics or pop into one of them. Aldeburgh's TIC is at 152 High Street and can be contacted by calling 01728 453637 or by emailing atic@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk



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Resident and Radio Suffolk help improve Council service

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Thanks to a resident from Melton and BBC Radio Suffolk, extra steps are being taken to ensure that Suffolk Coastal's fleet of refuse and recycling vehicles are not the unintended causes of litter in the district.

Patricia Finch of Melton contacted Mark Murphy's breakfast show yesterday (Thursday) to complain that on two recent occasions litter had flown out of the back of one of Suffolk Coastal's freighters. The item was heard by Suffolk Coastal's Chief Executive Stephen Baker, who contacted the programme and set the wheels in motion for an investigation into what had gone wrong.

"Suffolk Coastal Services (SCS), who operate the district's refuse and recycling collection service, have carried out an immediate investigation as to why the large hanging plastic flaps at the back of all their freighters appear not to have been working properly," said Cllr Andrew Nunn, Cabinet Member for the Green Environment.

"When refuse or recycling materials are put in the back they are compacted down and there should be no loose items left afterwards, and any that are should be kept within the back by the rigid plastic sheets that hang at the back of the truck. However, it seems this has not been enough to stop the odd bit of paper or carrier bag escaping, so SCS are now giving fresh instructions to its teams that should stop this ever occurring again.

"With 21 of these vehicles out on the roads at any one time covering the whole of our district collecting over 30,000 tonnes of rubbish and recycling each year, I guess the odd hiccup is inevitable, but I am pleased that SCS are taking such positive immediate action to ensure all their teams are keeping up to their normal high standards.

"I would thank Patricia Finch, and of course Radio Suffolk's Mark Murphy and the Don't be a Tossler campaign, for identifying this problem. Anyone who spots any other problems with the refuse and recycling service or any of the other services provided by SCS can call 01394 444000 or email scs@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk where there should be an equally immediate resolution or explanation," added Cllr Nunn.

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All homes now getting improved recycling service

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The last of Suffolk Coastal's 58,000 homes are being linked this week to the district's improved recycling service which has helped see the proportion of household waste diverted from landfill rise to over 50 per cent.

Every resident can recycle plastics bottles and containers, steel and aluminium cans and tins, paper, cardboard, foil and metal jar lids and bottle tops in their new blue-lidded wheelie bin.

"Rolling out this service since June 2006 gave us time to explain all the details to our residents. In contrast to other councils, we have had a remarkably smooth switchover, with the only real complaints from residents being why they had to wait to get the service," said Cllr Andrew Nunn, Cabinet Member for the Green Environment.

"I cannot congratulate Suffolk Coastal Services enough for getting every home onto the new service within budget and one year earlier than originally planned. Our recycling rates are now just under 52 per cent, well above the national rate, and we expect to hit 55 per cent during the next year," added Cllr Nunn.

In 45 months, the SCS teams successfully delivered 116,000 new grey and blue lidded bins. The cost of the new service, including replacing all the collection vehicles, has been met by a combination of increased efficiencies, additional income from a small rise in car parking charges, and £308,000 from the County Council.

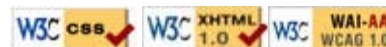
"It took a considerable investment by this Council to provide this new service, but we recognised that our residents wanted an improved recycling service. By making it easier for them to recycle, even more have got into the recycling habit," added Cllr Nunn.

The message that it will cost the earth if we do not all cut down on the amount going to landfill, because of the increasing costs and the impact on the environment, raised everyone's awareness of the need to reduce their waste.

Suffolk Coastal's residents now have a blue-lidded bin for recyclables and a brown bin for garden and cooked and uncooked food waste which are both collected one week, with a grey-lidded bin for general household waste.

"Being able to offer people the chance to dispose of their food waste on a weekly basis, so that if they want it can be taken in their brown bin one week and their rubbish bin the next, has instantly prevented many of the problems that appear to have plagued other councils," added Cllr Nunn.

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People urged to check whether they are ready to vote

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A General Election will be held on a Thursday between April and June 3 once the Prime Minister decides when it will be, although the most likely date appears to be May 6.

Suffolk Coastal's elections team is gearing up in readiness for whenever it is called, but the question for local residents is whether they are certain that they are registered to vote?

"It is not too late for people to check that they are registered at their current address or to get their name added to the register of electors if they are not. I would urge anyone who has moved home during the last year, or is about to become 18 or has recently turned 18, to check with us," said Stephen Baker, Suffolk Coastal's Chief Executive who is the Acting Returning Officer for the Suffolk Coastal constituency.

"People who want to check can contact our elections team on 01394 444329 or 444706 or email elections@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk who will send a partially completed form requiring some further details and a signature.

"It is important that people take the time now to confirm that they will be able to cast their vote rather than missing out on a chance to have their say on who should run the country in the future. Some of our younger potential voters are often the ones who can find themselves unable to vote because they thought that someone else had filled in the form for them. Check now so you do not miss out is my clear message!" added Mr Baker.

Anyone can apply to vote by post or, for a single election, a proxy vote (which means someone voting on their behalf) by contacting the elections team or visiting www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/elections for more information.

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Suffolk to get cycling for an active lifestyle

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Suffolk Sport, the local physical activity and sports partnership, has become one of only 10 projects in the country to receive special funding to improve participation in sport in rural areas.

Over £372,000 of funding has been received from Sport England's Rural Communities Fund which will be used to help get more people cycling, develop the county's cycling infrastructure and enhance good quality coaching and education while working with partners British Cycling and Sport England.

"This funding is a great boost for developing cycling as both an activity and a sport meaning that many different people will be able to get involved whether it be for improving fitness or training to race competitively," said Cllr Mary Neale, Cabinet Member for Countryside and Leisure.

Cycle Suffolk's key aims are to improve participation in cycling, cycling clubs, the number of qualified coaches and volunteers, access to cycling for disabled people, competitive cyclist development and increasing involvement with schools and young people.

"We hope that by improving the access to cycling across the county, especially in more rural areas, that Suffolk will soon see a great improvement in the number of people participating and also the quality of cycling thanks to an excellent level of additional coaching and support for all ability levels.

"Cycling is a great way to incorporate sport into everyday life. Simple things such as swapping the car for a bicycle for short journeys can lead to a more active lifestyle while reducing resident's carbon foot print at the same time. People are also more likely to stick with an activity if it fits well into their lifestyles and I hope that this will be the case for many people in Suffolk," added Cllr Neale.

As part of the countywide project Suffolk Coastal are employing a project coordinator to ensure that Cycle Suffolk is able to benefit as many residents as possible encouraging them to lead an active lifestyle, try something new or get back into cycling after a break.

"There will be many opportunities to get involved with the Cycle Suffolk project and I would encourage local residents to take up opportunities to volunteer with clubs and activities in their communities. With the London Olympics in sight, now is the perfect time to nurture our local talent and make sure that the support is in place to help our local athletes on the path to fitness and sporting success" added Cllr Neale.

For more information about the Cycle Suffolk project residents can visit www.suffolksport.com/cyclesuffolk

Suffolk Sport, the County Sports Partnership for Suffolk is hosted by Suffolk Coastal District Council. The Cycle Suffolk project has been developed jointly by Suffolk Sport, Suffolk County Council, British Cycling, Sport England, local community sports groups across the county and Suffolk Coastal.





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Woodland saved as last big Grange Farm site approved

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Tough negotiations by Suffolk Coastal's planning team has helped preserve a popular woodland in Kesgrave's Grange Farm from having five new luxury homes built in the middle of it.

The last large major development site in Grange Farm has been delayed because of the collapse in the housing market, but there had previously been planning approval for part of the woodland to be used for new homes.

"Agreements should now be drawn up to keep Fenton Wood safe as a green lung in the heart of Kesgrave offering a haven for wildlife and residents of all ages and I would thank our planner Michaelle Coupe for her efforts in achieving this solution," said Cllr Ivan Jowers, Chairman of the South Area Development Control Sub-Committee.

"Taylor Wimpey had proposed to build 48 homes on land next to the woods and to clear a way through the trees to build a further five luxury homes. There have been complex negotiations to produce a revised scheme that is acceptable to this Council and because of its previous planning history we have had to be flexible. However, we have stood our ground to insist on significant changes to minimise its overall impact," added Cllr Jowers.

The Committee also agreed to eight of the new homes being affordable ones, which was half of what the Council's policy would normally demand but was allowed because of special circumstances.

"We reluctantly waived our normal rules for a number of important reasons including the fact that the development would not otherwise have been viable.

"If we had not shown some flexibility on the number of affordable homes, we may have lost some of the other real gains for the community that we achieved with our negotiations on this application," added Cllr Jowers.

As well as the loss of the five homes in Fentons Wood, and a commitment to ensuring that it is managed in future for and by the local community, the row of homes backing onto the wood is being redesigned to protect the neighbouring trees.

A number of changes have also been introduced to the original layout of the other homes, including more much-needed two-bedroom homes, and increased distances between the homes to give a less cramped and more spacious feel to the overall layout.

"This is an excellent example of how our planning team regularly works to achieve improvements in planning applications that address the concerns of the local community and indeed this Council.

"The fact that there had already been outline planning permission given that would have seen about one-fifth of the wood lost to new homes means that this revised application is a real achievement as now all of Fentons Wood will remain," added Cllr Jowers.

A bat survey confirmed the presence of at least six species of bats using the woodland for foraging and commuting, with one of the trees used for roosting. Residents had also express their fears that trees such as oak, beech and chestnut would have been lost and about the effects on the other wildlife such as squirrels, woodpeckers and wrens, slow worms, butterflies, moths, rabbits, foxes, and insects.





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Celebrating the quality of the district

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A new award is being launched to help highlight and celebrate the quality of designs across Suffolk Coastal, with nominations now wanted for those that helping make the district even more special.

Suffolk Coastal residents give their district one of the highest rankings for quality of life in the country and the Council's planning team is committed to help preserve and improve the built environment.

"To recognise and celebrate the highest standards of design that are helping to contribute to the district's environment, Suffolk Coastal is launching its own Quality of Place Awards," said Cllr Andy Smith, Cabinet Member for Planning.

"It promises to be quite a competitive event as there are many excellent examples that could be in line for an award if they are nominated. For example, the Dovecote at Snape Maltings, which was designed by Haworth Tompkins, recently won the prestigious Architect's Journal Small Project Award 2010.

"Our district has well over 2,500 listed buildings and over 30 conservation areas that form a very important cultural and heritage resource and in many ways a benchmark for new developments to aspire to. Thankfully, there are architects ready to meet that challenge who are coming up with innovative designs that are adding something extra to an already special landscape and these awards will help put them in the spotlight," added Cllr Smith.

Nominations are wanted for these three categories:

- Building conservation - repair or restoration works to buildings of local historic interest undertaken with particular care for the quality of their conservation.
- Design - new buildings or extensions which exhibit originality, contribute to local distinctiveness and incorporate sustainable features.
- Landscape and nature - landscape or nature conservation projects, which contribute to local distinctiveness, and benefit the local environment, wildlife or habitat.

Any projects or schemes completed within the last three years will be eligible for nomination to a panel of professional and lay judges, which will be chaired by a councillor. Winners will receive a Quality of Place plaque to be affixed to their building or site at a special ceremony in July to be held at the Council's Woodbridge offices.

"We would like to hear from anyone that would like to nominate a project, whether they designed it, live in it or just live nearby. Please email conservation@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk for a form or download it from www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/planning/qualityofplace," added Cllr Smith.



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New superstore given the go ahead for Martlesham Heath

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Shoppers could get a significant boost following the approval of a proposed new superstore selling bulky goods at Martlesham Heath on land behind the BP garage and the KFC.

It is not yet known who will move into the 1,750 square metre floorspace, but Suffolk Coastal has insisted that it can only be used by one trader for one of the following uses - building and DIY products, garden products and plants, pets and pet supplies, furniture and carpets, electrical and gas products, car parts, bicycles, office supplies, caravans and camping, or boating equipment.

“It has to be recognised that there are no sites for this size of development in any of our neighbouring town centres and hence there are no real planning reasons for refusal. As such, I think we have to ensure that there are strict controls on what can be sold there while accepting that it will offer a new improved local shopping option for our residents,” said Cllr Ivan Jowers, Chairman of the South Area Development Control Sub-Committee.

“Within our guidelines, it will be up to the market as to what will be on sale there, but it is estimated that it could generate nearly £5 million of spending annually. I for one would rather that spending, and the new jobs at the store, was happening in our district, rather than people having to go further afield.

“While some people may fear the impact that such a store could have on existing shops in Kesgrave or Woodbridge, I would counter that we have no planning reasons to refuse it and that it could actually generate more passing trade as it will probably be a name that we currently do not have in our district,” added Cllr Jowers.

Among the conditions imposed by the Council on the application is a limit on opening hours, an approved landscaping scheme, and proposals for cycleways and traffic management that meet its standards.

The site had previously been approved for a hotel to be built on it, and subsequently for a retail superstore, which has now had its floorspace nearly doubled by the introduction of a mezzanine floor.

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Strategy will be at the core of planning for the future

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Suffolk Coastal's Core Strategy, the document which sets out the way the district will grow and be protected over the next 15 years, has been given an official stamp of approval by a Full Meeting of the Council.

Councillors agreed after a four hour discussion held at Trinity Park to back the proposed document, with a few minor changes, and it will now be used to influence all planning decisions taken by the Council.

"The Core Strategy is the central document of the district's first Local Development Framework (LDF) and is probably one of the most important documents ever approved by this Council as it sets out our future goals and aspirations along with the policies that will help deliver them," said Cllr Andy Smith, Council Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member responsible for Planning.

"After over seven years of exhaustive and sometimes exhausting public consultations, debate and discussion we have reached agreement on the way our district should develop, be enhanced and its unique quality be protected in future years.

"The public spotlight has probably concentrated on the housing element of the Core Strategy, but it covers virtually every aspect of what makes up our quality of life and I am confident it will play a key part in not just maintaining but improving that quality of life, for those who live here now, and for future generations" added Cllr Smith.

As well as the Core Strategy, approval was given to the suite of Development Management Policies which spell out how the strategy's principles will be applied in planning terms.

While the strategy and the policies will now be used in considering planning applications, the Council has made it clear that it will review its Core Strategy if there are any relevant changes made to national or regional planning policies.

"We need to have in place now an appropriate and up-to-date set of planning principles on which planning applications can be assessed. Not having that would leave us vulnerable to challenge from developers and could weaken our ability to make decisions that are right for this district.

"At the same time, it should be understood that the Core Strategy is not set in stone and that if there are changes to national or regional planning policy then we will inevitably adapt our policies to take account of them.

"I would like to thank the many residents that have taken the chance to give us their views on the Core Strategy or the LDF as a whole. We have listened and changes have been made over the many months, but because it is a document that has to address the need for growth, there will inevitably still be some that are disappointed," added Cllr Smith.

There will still be a further round of public consultation later this year when people will be able to comment on whether the policies are based on good evidence, can deliver what the area needs over the next 15 years and whether they fully address national planning policies.

After that, there will be a public hearing early next year conducted by an independent planning inspector who will consider all the views the Council has received and debate the key issues in public, prior to deciding whether to officially sanction the LDF and its Core Strategy.

In parallel with that process, the council will also have to move on to prepare the next set of documents which support the Core Strategy – the Site Specific Allocations, and a number of Local Action Plans.



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Funding workshop to help local voluntary groups

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The Suffolk Coastal Resource Network (SCRN) is once again providing valuable help to local voluntary community groups and organisations by offering a free half-day funding workshop in Yoxford.

The funding application workshop which was scheduled for Wednesday, March 31 at Yoxford Village Hall has been cancelled and will now take place in May - date to be confirmed.

“The funding workshop is designed to help any voluntary group in the district, whether they are newly formed or well established. They will receive helpful information about how to plan and cost a project and how to sell it in a funding application,” said Cllr Ray Herring, Chairman for the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) Board.

The funding workshop follows a series of advice and information sessions about getting voluntary groups and organisations started, how to secure funding, where to find local support and even how to attract new members.

Included in the funding workshop will be a terminology information session helping voluntary groups and organisations to understand the different terms used in the funding applications process.

“There is a great deal of help and support available to our local voluntary groups and organisations and I hope that they will take advantage of the expert knowledge the SCRN can offer them,” added Cllr Herring.

At the workshop there will also be opportunities to book a personalised one-to-one funding surgery that will be able to help step by step with explaining and completing applications. Many groups and organisations do not know that there are several different sources of funding and are not sure where to start. The SCRN team will be able to identify these sources and help local groups decide which is the most appropriate to apply for.

“Thanks to the continued hard work of the SCRN over £187,000 of funding has been accessed by local groups over the past six months and with specialised help on offer hopefully even more groups will be able to benefit from the funding information and support on offer,” added Cllr Herring.

The funding workshop is also a perfect opportunity for local groups to come together to share experiences and advice, develop ideas and partnerships and offer to support one another.

Places at the free funding workshop can be booked by speaking with Sue Clements on 01473 275195 or by emailing sue.clements@savo.co.uk.

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PHILIS goes online to offer even better services

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Suffolk Coastal's purpose built Port Health Interactive Live Information System (PHILIS) has gone online to help improve the service offered to those using the Port of Felixstowe.

The addition of the website, www.philis.co.uk, lets importers and exporters keep up to date electronically, and has allowed Suffolk Coastal's port health team to work more swiftly and efficiently.

"PHILIS online has been live since January 1, processing over 500 Common Entry Documents, which are required to accompany certain types of imported food, and which are received from over 90 registered organisations, with a total of 363 users, and new organisations and users are registering all the time. The user friendly and comprehensive online system is proving to be an incredibly useful tool for both port health staff and shipping agents alike," said Cllr Sherrie Green, Cabinet Member for Community Health.

PHILIS online uses features such as an electronic address book and an auto complete clone feature saving companies valuable time when submitting documents for multiple consignments of goods. At other ports shipping agents have to laboriously complete paper forms separately.

To register with the service agents using the Port of Felixstowe can visit www.philis.co.uk and start benefitting from the online services.

PHILIS, the internal system used by port health staff, is able to carry out previous functions more effectively and also additional functions such as providing access to recent vessel arrivals, concise information about sampling of consignments meeting Food Standards Agency requirements, an automated diary function so that processing of consignments can be tracked and the facility to have all document checks and correspondence in one place.

"The correspondence facility removes the need for faxes to be printed, cutting down on the amount of paper and toner used. Considering the port health team receive over 55,000 faxes a year, some containing documents of 40 pages or more, this is a considerable contribution to reducing their carbon footprint and increasing our green credentials," added Cllr Green.

As legislation concerning importing food increases, the proportion of consignments that require checking also rises. PHILIS is successfully coping with this increase providing quality services while benefitting from being the only port health team in the country to have such an advanced system.

"In the current economic climate, reducing costs and making services more efficient is imperative, particularly as over 40% of all imported food to the UK enters through Felixstowe. PHILIS has helped the port health team and the companies using their services, to do this without losing or needing to take on any additional staff." added Cllr Green

"The system was developed in-house by the Council and was delivered on time and within budget. It has the potential to help other port health teams across the country and has already attracted potential buyers who want to benefit from similar success," said Cllr Colin Hart, Cabinet

Member with responsibility for ICT.

The system has become an essential tool for the port health team with staff praising the system for its logical design, ease of use and excellent level of integration.

“The second phase of PHILIS is currently under development and is set to go live by Autumn 2010. This is an opportunity to introduce increased functions such as mobile working and upgraded consignment tracking that will continue to increase efficiency of services available to agents working with the port health team on a regular basis,” added Cllr Green.



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Finishing touches made to Hamblin Road

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Work has now been completed bringing the final stages of restoring Hamblin Road car park to a close after Anglian Water installed specialist drainage tanks last summer to prevent flooding.

As part of the final phase of this project planting is taking place to increase the number of trees and plants in the area and replace trees that have been damaged during the work.

“While Anglian Water have been carrying out their essential works we have taken the opportunity to improve the quality of the green environment in the area planting carefully chosen trees that will thrive in the conditions and benefit the local area,” said Cllr Andy Smith, Cabinet Member for Planning.

“Unfortunately a group of five sycamore trees were damaged during the work so they have had to be removed and we have replaced them with a group of hybrid cockspur hawthorn, a species that flowers with berries and has autumnal colour,” added Cllr Smith.

New trees and plants have also been added including a shrub border along the car park limit fencing and two ornamental English maple trees which were planted earlier this year. Pruning will be carried out as the trees and shrubs grow to keep them healthy and in good shape.

“The improvement works have been carried out to a high standard and the additional planting work will hopefully be a welcome boost to the wildlife in the local area,” added Cllr Smith.

Funding for the planting work was included as part of Anglian Water’s original project costs and implemented by Suffolk Coastal Services. The planting has been specified by Suffolk Coastal’s landscape officer after taking in to consideration the soil and landscape conditions found in the car park.

To find out more about the planting project residents can contact Suffolk Coastal’s landscape officer on 01394 444420 or email anne.westover@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk



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Leiston helping to set a green example

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Residents of King George's Avenue, Leiston, have been setting a green example for the rest of the district by taking part in a two-week experiment this month to minimise their waste and succeeding in cutting nearly a third of it.

With funding from the Government, the Suffolk Waste Partnership set up the Seven Suffolk Streets project in each district to see what more can be done to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill.

“As well as residents, Leiston Primary School and businesses along King George's Avenue were also included in the project, which we hope will provide useful tips on how we can improve our services and encourage people to reduce their waste,” said Cllr Andrew Nunn, Cabinet Member for the Green Environment.

The amount of non-recyclable waste collected at the end of the fortnight was 30 per cent, or over 400 kilos, less than the amount collected at the start of the project, with the school managing to reduce its non-recyclable waste by nearly a half.

The school succeeded by composting all its fruit and vegetable peelings from snack time and recycling all leftover cooked and uncooked kitchen waste, thanks to the support of the school kitchen and the caretaker.

Other initiatives during the fortnight included a textile recycling bank, a battery collection box and also one for mobile phones and printer cartridges, and advising residents of what they could take to Leiston's recycling centre.

“I would like to thank everyone who took part and made that extra effort to cut back on their waste. Clearly, special praise is due to the children at Leiston Primary who cut their school's waste from 345 kilos to only 175 kilos.

“Our district's residents are now recycling or composting nearly 52 per cent of all their waste as they know it will cost the earth if we do not reduce the amount of rubbish going to landfill as the financial and environmental impacts are frightening.

“The challenge is how we can reduce that remaining 48 per cent of waste. What can we all do to either recycle, reuse or minimise it? This project and Leiston's green pioneers will hopefully offer us answers we can all follow,” added Cllr Nunn.

For information about how to reduce waste visit www.suffolk.gov.uk/sevensuffolkstreets or call Suffolk Coastal's recycling team on 01394 444000 or email scsLtd@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or visit www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourhome/waste/recycling/



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Ultimate talent to be crowned at launch

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The finalists of this year's Soundwaves Ultimate Bands contest are warming up for performances of a life time as they take to the stage to compete for the coveted title.

Taking place on Saturday, April 10 at the Spa Pavilion in Felixstowe the night will also celebrate the launch of the Sounds of the East Coast III compilation CD featuring all of the nine finalists. Doors will be at 6.45pm with the first band hitting the stage at 7.15pm.

"The final is shaping up to be a fantastic event celebrating several months of hard work and preparation by the young musicians taking part. We are also delighted to welcome headlining artists The Answering Machine to bring the night to a thrilling crescendo," added Cllr Mary Neale, Cabinet Member for Countryside and Leisure.

The nine bands and artists through to the final are Clay, Crab Meat Moon, To The Dogs, Deadbeats, Stratosfire, Silk and Steel, Timothy Leat and The Running, Fick as Fieves and Castellani.

Tickets are £5 on the door or £3 with a special voucher which can be downloaded from www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourfreetime/arts/soundwaves. Tickets can be booked in advance by calling the Spa Pavilion on 01394 282126.

"The finalists have been working hard over the past few months, perfecting and recording their tracks for the Sounds of the East Coast III CD and I am sure that there will be many exceptional performances on the night to impress the audience," added Cllr Neale.

Last years Soundwaves champion, Ed Sheeran, has gone from strength to strength performing all over the country and supporting well-known artists including Just Jack, Nizlopi and The Noisettes.

"Headlining act, The Answering Machine, will also provide inspiration for our young performers showcasing the rewards of hard work combined with outstanding musical talent.

"In previous years the Soundwaves finalists have proven their talent finding success after the competition both locally and nationally. This year should be no exception and I am sure that many of the recording artists of tomorrow will contain some familiar faces," added Cllr Neale.

For more information about the Soundwaves project and the Ultimate Bands Contest residents can visit www.myspace.com/suffolksoundwavesmusic or email suffolksoundwaves@hotmail.com to pre-order their copies of the Sounds of the East Coast III compilation CD. Copies cost £5 and will also be available to buy at the launch along with limited edition copies of the first two Sounds of the East Coast CDs featuring previous finalists.

The Soundwaves Ultimate Bands Contest final is supported by Suffolk Coastal District Council, Suffolk County Council, The Youth Opportunity Fund, The Spa Pavilion, Energy Solutions and is supported by Access To Music.

