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## YOU'RE ALL RECORD BREAKERS

The efforts of Suffolk Coastal's residents has seen the record books being rewritten as the amount of paper, garden waste, bottles, cans and other materials recycled in the district rose to well over 30 per cent in April and May.

During the year from April 2003 to March 2004, an average 22 per cent of household waste was recycled, but in April this year that rose to 31 per cent and unconfirmed figures suggest that this hit around 34 per cent in May.

"This is a massive achievement by local residents and I would like to thank everyone who has got into the recycling habit. With the help of Government grants, we have invested heavily during the last 12 months to make it easier for people to recycle and it really appears to be now paying off," said Councillor Andrew Nunn, Cabinet Member for the Environment Natural and Built.

"The official target for the district for the year to March 2005 is 32 per cent, which is a tough goal but you have shown that we can reach it, and if more people get into the recycling habit I am sure we will beat it," added Cllr Nunn.

Page 4 and 5 of this edition of CoastLine gives you more information on how all of us can reduce, reuse and recycle.

## SKATE ON DOWN TO WICKHAM MARKET



Safe, enjoyable fun at the Skate Park

Thanks to its local partnership, Wickham Market now has its own skate park which is already proving a big attraction to young people. The Wickham Market Partnership (WMP) grew out of the Market Towns Initiative and is breathing fresh life into the town and its surrounding area, and the new skate park is just one of the many projects now becoming a reality.

"The need for this excellent new facility was initially highlighted after we carried out a survey of residents of Wickham Market and its many surrounding parishes," said

Cath Caudwell, Company Secretary of WMP.

It will be officially opened in August on Wickham Market Day but its regular users are already forming their own committee to help run it.

Among the park's partners are the East of England Development Agency, Suffolk Coastal which donated £10,000, Awards for All, County Councillor Peter Bellfield, Wickham Market Parish Council, Woodbridge Lions, and the Village Hall for allowing it to be built on its land.

## SET FOR SUMMER?

Suffolk Coastal's Active Leisure team is ready with a host of holiday activities across the district. Four of the team, lead by Darren Clarke and Sarah Shinnie in the centre, are pictured in their new branded t-shirts. See the special bumper CoastLine 4 Kids pullout inside for more of what's on offer this summer.



The Active Leisure Team get ready to put the fun into Summer

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### COASTLINE

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## NEW PARTNERSHIP ADDS UP

Suffolk Coastal has linked up with Ipswich Borough Council so that their two internal audit teams can have a shared management, guarantee a high-quality service at both councils and generate some much-needed cash savings.

"Audit is one of those essential central services that is vital to a council's effective operation and

we require a high-quality professional service. The partnership arrangements secure this while providing us an immediate saving of £36,000. The staff of both audit teams will be able to broaden their skills and knowledge by working at each authority," said Councillor Robert Whiting, Cabinet Member for Fiscal and Democratic Services.

## HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT LOCAL AIR QUALITY

Suffolk Coastal is legally required to carry out periodic reviews of current and likely future air quality in its area.

A full review, completed in 2001, concluded that air quality objectives would be met within the district and we are now completing our second air quality review and assessment.

The Updating and Screening stage was completed and consulted upon last year and we have recently completed and produced the Detailed Assessment report about which we would like local

views, comments and opinions, to help us shape future reports.

The full report can be seen on [www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk), or for viewing at our Melton Hill offices in Woodbridge, Undercliff Road West offices in Felixstowe, at all libraries in the district and at Halesworth library. If you are unable to view a copy of the report please contact the Environmental Protection Team on 01394 444624. All locations have official consultation reply sheets on which any comments can be made and which should be returned by August 31, 2004.

## CLOSE TAG KEPT ON FRAUD

Suffolk Coastal's ongoing campaign to uncover and prosecute benefit fraudsters has seen more people appearing before local magistrates, with four successful prosecutions in June alone.

Guilty pleas were heard by Ipswich Magistrates Court who gave a 50 hours Community Punishment Order and an order to pay £50 legal costs, a curfew order for 10 weeks from 6pm to Midnight enforced with an electronic tag, 100 hours Community Service and £100 costs, and a £200 fine to four local residents.

"We will continue to use the law fairly but firmly to punish any abuses that come to light. We are working closely with other

Government departments and we are becoming more successful in detecting frauds, and the courts are backing up our efforts," said Councillor Chris Slemmings, Cabinet Member for Housing.

It is important that people receiving benefits should notify the Council on 01394 444674 if there is a change in their circumstances – this can sometimes mean they receive more rather than less benefit.

There is also a Fraud Hotline that residents can call confidentially and report suspected benefit frauds to the Council on 01394 444444, available 24 hours a day, or by email to [fraud.investigation@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:fraud.investigation@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk)

## OUR INSPECTORS CALL

The most thorough review of Suffolk Coastal's services is due to be held in September when the Audit Commission will be sending a four-strong team to carry out our first Comprehensive Performance Assessment. Every council is being judged on the

quality of service it provides and how likely it is to improve, with councils rated as excellent, good, fair, weak or poor. Suffolk Coastal is hoping to achieve a good rating, and CoastLine will report the findings when they are published, or visit [www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk)

## ELECTION NEWS

The Conservative candidate, Joan Sennington, was elected in April to fill the vacant Felixstowe South seat at Suffolk Coastal District Council after beating three other candidates with a majority of 32 on a turnout of 36.2 per cent. This result means that the make-up of Suffolk Coastal is now Conservatives 42 seats, Liberal Democrats 11 and Labour two, with May 2007 being the next time when all seats are due for election.

Mrs Sennington was also elected with a majority of 40 to Felixstowe Town Council. The same month also saw the Conservative's Ben Redsell hold the vacant Woodbridge division

seat at Suffolk County Council with a majority of 123 votes after a turnout of 32 per cent. All Suffolk County Council seats are due to be contested again in May 2005.

June's elections saw 36.5 per cent of the Eastern Region's 4.2 million voters go to the polls to elect seven Members of the European Parliament. Three of the winners were Conservatives - Christopher Beazley, Robert Sturdy, and Geoffrey Van Orden, there were two UK Independence Party victors in Jeffrey Titford and Tom Wise, along with Richard Howitt from Labour and Andrew Duff from the Liberal Democrats.



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# NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE APPOINTED

Jan Ormondroyd will be joining Suffolk Coastal as its new Chief Executive on September 13 after emerging as the prime candidate from an excellent selection.

Since June last year, Mrs Ormondroyd has been a regional director of local government practice with the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM), after previously being the director of scrutiny and performance management at Bradford Metropolitan District Council and working at a senior level in local government for 15 years.

“With an excellent track record in improving performance, working with partners, and developing people, Jan will build upon the good work already started at the Council and play a key leadership role in turning our vision into reality,” said Councillor Ray Herring, Leader of Suffolk Coastal.

“We have put in place a series of radical changes to the way that this Council operates, and we wanted an individual who could inspire, lead and deliver. I am sure



Jan Ormondroyd - 'Excited by the challenge.'

that Jan will work effectively with our employees, councillors and partners to make a difference for the communities of our district,” added Cllr Herring.

“I am very excited by the challenge of taking on this role at what is an important time for Suffolk Coastal. I have been impressed by the initiatives that are underway to reach

the aim of excellence while developing partnerships and identifying economies,” said Jan Ormondroyd.

There were 37 applications received for the job, which was initially reduced to a ‘long list’ of 11 that the Employers Association, which helped the Council in its recruitment process, said was the best it had seen for such a post.

## PARTNERSHIP HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE

The members of the Woodbridge and Melton Market Towns Initiative (MTI) Partnership are about to call time on their successful efforts that has seen nearly £600,000 spent on projects in the two areas.

The project was set up in 2001 after Suffolk Coastal drew up a partnership with the East of England Development Agency and the Countryside Agency that got Government funding for a £250,000 MTI initiative.

“This partnership has been a significant benefit to all sectors of the community in both Woodbridge and Melton, and has put in place initiatives that will continue to have an impact

well into the future,” said Councillor Mac Miles, Woodbridge Town Councillor and Chairman of the MTI Partnership.

“Woodbridge’s town centre co-ordinator, its forthcoming skate park, and the work to support the riverside are just three of the dozens of projects which the MTI has been involved in. The goal has been to work with the community to support and develop the community,” added Cllr Miles.

Thirty-four local projects gained direct support from the MTI Community Chest, with grants to groups as diverse as playgroups, activities for elderly people and the Woodbridge Packaging Service that provides employment for peo-

ple with learning problems.

A facelift for the Burnish Parish Rooms in Melton recently gained a £25,000 MTI grant, while a study is set to get underway to identify how community facilities can be improved in the village.

“While it may be officially the end of an era for the MTI Partnership, I am confident that its legacy will live on. One example is the Riverside project that is developing an Action Plan to enhance and secure this key area of Woodbridge for the benefit of its residents, and we are now setting up a Woodbridge and Melton Towns Trust to build on the success of getting the community to work together,” added Cllr Miles.

## COUNCIL UNVEILS NEW MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

Suffolk Coastal has announced its new streamlined management structure, with three Strategic Directors and six Heads of Service, to help modernise the Council while saving money from its total budget.

A Strategic Director and Head of Service is also included for Operational Services, which is planned to transfer to Suffolk Coastal Services soon.

“This is another important step in making Suffolk Coastal more efficient. There will be an annual saving of around £180,000 and I also expect it to have a significant positive impact on the way we provide our services in the future. We made over £1 million of savings in the last 12 months, but we have to repeat this feat in each of the coming two years – it is a tough challenge but this new structure will help us achieve it,” said Councillor Ray Herring, Leader of the Council.

Under the Chief Executive, the three Strategic Directors are Jeremy Schofield (responsible for environment, economy, and community well-being), Peter Collicott (housing, fiscal and democratic, and strategic finance), and Tony Osmanski (rural issues, diversity, strategic support and customer services).

The Heads of Service, plus their responsibilities, are as follows: Hilary Slater – Legal and Democratic Services, Bob Chamberlain – Development and Building Control, Phil Gore – Health, Alan McFarlane – Finance, Mike Eaton – Housing and Benefits. The Community, Policy and Planning post is currently vacant.

The team is completed by Dennis Ball, the Strategic Director for Operational Services, Trevor Brown the Suffolk Coastal/Ipswich Borough Partnership Internal Audit Manager, and Mel West manager of Operational Services.

# WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU

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## YOU'RE FINDING IT EASIER TO GET INTO THE RECYCLING HABIT

Suffolk Coastal is committed to improving recycling performance, with a range of services to help householders recycle as much as they can. In recent years, Suffolk Coastal residents have seen the recycling services offered expand greatly, and with your help, the composting and recycling rate in the district has improved from about 14% for 2002/03, to over 22% in 2003/04. In April this year you helped us break all local records with about 30% of collected waste being recycled or composted. We need to increase this to 32% for 2004/05, and then again to 36% for 2005/06, so please continue to help maximise the amount recycled and minimise the amount sent to landfill.

So how can we stop dumping so much rubbish into landfill sites? The most environmentally friendly way is to reduce the

amount of waste going into your home – for instance, buy goods that have the minimum possible packaging, subscribe to the Mailing Preference Service to stop junk mail addressed to you, call Royal Mail on 08457 950950 to stop unaddressed mail, and place a note near your letterbox to discourage free newspapers and circulars. The Mailing Preference Service is available by calling 020 7291 3310 or visiting their website [www.mpsonline.org.uk](http://www.mpsonline.org.uk)

Also, think about whether waste items can be reused – for instance donate unwanted clothes and books, consider home composting, and make use of the recycling facilities provided. Try to use the black sack as the last resort, for things that you can't **reuse, recycle** or **compost**.

## USE OUR GARDEN WASTE TAKE-AWAY SERVICE



30,000 homes in Suffolk Coastal now have brown bins for use with the fortnightly garden waste recycling scheme Coastal Ploughback. Suffolk Coastal plans to expand this scheme in phases to all households during next year. Not sure when to put the brown bin out? Call 01394 444000.

## TURN YOUR BABIES 'GREEN' WITH REAL NAPPIES

Across Suffolk, 10,000 tonnes of 'disposable' nappies are buried in landfill every year at an annual cost to Suffolk councils of an estimated £500,000. But there is a better option which, as well as being more environmentally friendly, can help parents save money – reusable cloth nappies, or Real Nappies. Suffolk County Council is offering £30 vouchers to help new parents purchase Real Nappies or to use towards nappy laundry services. To find out more call the County Council on 01473 264795 or [real.nappies@et.suffolkcc.gov.uk](mailto:real.nappies@et.suffolkcc.gov.uk)

Suffolk Coastal partnered a number of local businesses during 2003/2004 to establish local suppliers for real nappies within the district, and we have worked with the Ipswich Real Nappy Network to encourage awareness of the benefits of real nappies.

## POP DOWN TO YOUR LOCAL MINI RECYCLING CENTRE

There are now more than 220 locations in Suffolk Coastal to which you can take waste for recycling. The table below shows which banks should be used for which materials. Using your local recycling banks helps raise money for local community groups. Last year over £30,000 was paid out to community groups for their recycling efforts. This money has gone

towards, for example, the Wickham Market Play Project, the Melton Under 5s Pre-School, Framlingham St John Ambulance, and the Felixstowe Environmental Fund which helps look after the nature reserve at Peewit Hill and the wildflower meadow at Cowpasture Allotments, as well as many more community groups and projects.

	Yes please	No thank you
Bottle banks	Glass bottles and jars	Light bulbs; window glass; mirrors; Pyrex kitchenware
Can banks	Empty steel and aluminium food, drinks and aerosol cans; clean aluminium foil and metal jar lids and bottle tops (please put these in a clear plastic bag tied at the top)	Metalised plastic (e.g. crisp packets)
Paper banks	Newspapers; magazines; junk mail; greetings cards; white telephone directories; shopping catalogues; writing paper; envelopes; holiday brochures	Cardboard; Yellow Pages; food packaging
Textile banks	Clean, unwanted clothes, blankets, towels, curtains, handbags, sheets, quilt covers; pairs of wearable shoes (please tie or bag pairs together); rags	Soiled textiles; oily textiles
Book banks	Unwanted books; CDs; videos; cassettes; LP records	Goods not in good enough condition to be re-sold

Please help to keep the bring sites tidy by taking all bags and boxes home and not leaving any litter behind. Please be considerate to local residents and do not use recycling banks between 8pm and 8am as the noise can cause disturbance. If you find a full recycling bank, please report it to us on 01394 444000.

The Household Waste and

Recycling Centres at Felixstowe, Foxhall and Leiston also accept plastics, cardboard, Yellow Pages, window and mirror glass, car and household batteries, mobile phones, wood, refrigerators, engine oil and garden waste for recycling.

For information on where your nearest recycling banks are, please call 01394 444000 or visit [www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk)

# TO CUT WASTE AND SO MUCH MORE

## WHAT A CRATE IDEA - FORTNIGHTLY PAPER COLLECTIONS



Your support for the fortnightly paper collection has helped us enormously

Every household in Suffolk Coastal can take part in our fortnightly collection of paper for recycling. Please use the green crate for the following types of paper:

- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Shopping catalogues
- Holiday brochures
- Envelopes
- Writing paper
- Office-type paper
- Leaflets and pamphlets
- White telephone directories
- Junk mail

Not sure when to put the green

crate out? Call 01394 444000. It's important that the correct types of paper are left out for collection, as the paper you give us is recycled into paper for newspapers like this edition of CoastLine. If the paper is contaminated, it will be rejected by the paper mill and won't get recycled, so please don't leave the following things in the green crate:

- Cardboard
- Glass
- Tins or cans
- Yellow Pages
- Any other waste

## HELP US IMPROVE

Over the coming months, a team of door-knockers will be visiting homes to survey local attitudes towards recycling, which will help us to identify issues which we need to focus upon. The team is funded by a Government grant, and if you receive a visit, remember that the help you give our door-knockers will be much appreciated as it will help us make our recycling services even better. They will have identity cards with them, but call 01394 444000 if you have any doubts.

## START HOME COMPOSTING

This is the most environmentally friendly way of dealing with garden waste and uncooked fruit and vegetable waste and can provide you with a cheap supply of home-made compost for your garden. Home compost bins are available to Suffolk residents at discount prices of £12 for a 220 litre bin, or £16 for a 330 litre bin. For further details, call Blackwall Ltd on 0870 849 4870.

## HOW WE'RE WORKING TO KEEP OUR DISTRICT CLEAN AND GREEN

We empty hundreds of litter bins in the district, and Parish Councils may be able to fund additional ones, so if you think a litter or dog waste bin is needed in your area, contact your Parish Council. Help us keep the district clean and green by reporting litter problems or fly tipping on 01394 444000.

Dropping litter (including discarded cigarette ends from car windows) and fly-tipping could lead to a fine of up to £2,500, while failure to clear up your dog's excrement in public areas carries a fine of up to £1,000. Anyone caught committing these offences by our enforcement team will be issued with an immediate Fixed Penalty Notice of £50, plus the possibility of court proceedings where a fine up to the maximum for the rele-

vant offence may be applied. Litter is unsightly, potentially harmful to children, pets and wildlife, and encourages vermin. Suffolk Coastal spends £600,000 on clearing litter from our streets, parks, beaches and roadsides each year. Wouldn't you rather see your taxes spent on something more worthwhile?

Free poop scoop bags are available from Council Offices, Leisure Centres, Tourist Information Centres, Libraries, and some Vets and other outlets.

If you would like to organise a voluntary litter pick in your area, Suffolk Coastal can provide disposable gloves and litter sacks, and will collect the litter picked up. Call us on 01394 444000 and we will send a registration form.

## TRADE WASTE AND BULKY HOUSEHOLD WASTE

Residents can have bulky household goods such as fridges, settees, chairs, beds, cookers, etc taken away for a small charge by calling 01394 444000. During 2003 we carried out nearly 3,000 such collections.

Businesses can also use our commercial waste collection service. A comprehensive range of sizes of wheeled bins are offered and

frequency of collection can be matched to the demands of the business. For businesses with smaller or varying amounts of lighter waste Suffolk Coastal offers a red sack scheme. Red sacks are purchased by the roll which provides a flexible means of waste disposal. Prices start from as little as £67 + VAT per annum.

## ABANDONED VEHICLES



Suffolk Coastal is committed to removing abandoned vehicles as rapidly as possible.

Abandoning a vehicle can be far more costly to the culprit if we catch them than if they had taken it to a registered scrap yard!

Abandoned vehicles can present potential safety hazards to traffic, the general public and to wildlife. Report them on 01394 444000 or email [waste.management@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:waste.management@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk)

# FANCY A HEALTHY WALK?



## VOLUNTEERS FLOCK TO HEDGEROWS



Some of the volunteers who are now trained to survey local hedgerows

The Suffolk Coastal Greenprint Forum Hedgerow Group featured in the last issue of CoastLine recently trained a further 60 surveyors at the Suffolk Wildlife Trust's Foxburrow Field Centre. This was the third in a series of training events across the county this spring, and people have come

from parishes across the district to get involved in the surveys which are creating a unique record of our hedgerows.

Anyone interested in becoming involved in the survey should contact Guy Ackers on 01394 383264 or [guyackersmelton@rmpfc.co.uk](mailto:guyackersmelton@rmpfc.co.uk)

More healthy walks have been arranged this summer, offering healthy exercise and company to those who feel they need it. The dates and starting points are: Monday, August 9 at 10.30am Levington Ship Inn; Wednesday, August 18 offers at 7pm Rendlesham Forest Centre Car park, and a wheelchair friendly walk at 2pm at Felixstowe's Spa Pavilion. On Tuesday, August 31 at 6.45pm at Great Eastern Square, Felixstowe. Sunday, September

12 has two walks – through Dunwich Forest meeting at 2pm, St Helena car park off the Blythburgh-Dunwich Road, while Edwardian Felixstowe can be seen at 2pm by meeting at Ranelagh Road car park.

All the walks are free and are backed by Suffolk Coastal and the district's Primary Care Trust. For more details visit the Stepping out in Suffolk page on [www.suffolkcoastal-pct.nhs.uk](http://www.suffolkcoastal-pct.nhs.uk) or call 01394 458918.

## TACKLING BOAT CRIME

A new Boat Watch scheme has been launched to help improve security and awareness around moorings, marinas, boatyards and other places where boats and marine equipment are kept.

16 boat related crimes in the Felixstowe and Woodbridge police sectors this year, each of which have clearly been very bad news for the victim.

Deben Watch has been set up with full police support and its website [www.debenwatch.co.uk](http://www.debenwatch.co.uk) is full of useful information and advice. Boat crime is on the increase in many parts of the country and there have been

Boats are inevitably vulnerable to theft or vandalism as they are often left moored and unvisited for long periods of time. If you would like to join the Watch, or find out more, either visit the website, or call Bill Hughes on 01473 736479.



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## SUFFOLK COASTAL CRIME AND DISORDER PARTNERSHIP

If you want any information regarding the work of the Partnership and have questions relating to Community Safety in your area, please contact Guy Richardson, (Community Safety Officer, Suffolk Coastal District Council) on 01394-444322 or e-mail [guy.richardson@suffolk-coastal.gov.uk](mailto:guy.richardson@suffolk-coastal.gov.uk) or write to Council Offices, Suffolk Coastal District Council, Melton Hill, Woodbridge, IP12 1AU.

## PARTNERSHIP TARGETS WOODBRIDGE'S ROWDY DRINKERS

A ban is set to be introduced that will give local police the powers they need to stop people drinking in areas of Woodbridge that have been plagued by bad behaviour linked to drinking.

The Suffolk Coastal Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (SCCDRP) has linked up with Woodbridge Town Council which identified the need to tackle the problem of alcohol related incidents in the town.

"The designation order would give local police the additional power they need to deal with drink-relat-

ed incidents in the centre of Woodbridge. It is unacceptable that residents feel intimidated and the partnership wants to support the Town Council's demand to take action to stop this public nuisance," said Councillor Patricia O'Brien, Chairman of the SCCDRP.

Around 60 signs would warn people that they are in a designated area where if they continue to drink alcohol they risk a £500 fine, or arrest if they fail to surrender their intoxicating liquor. Similar orders are planned for Wickham Market and Leiston. The police feel a designation order would consid-

erably assist their efforts to prevent and reduce anti-social behaviour, criminal damage and youth nuisance. Before the ban can be introduced there would have to be consultation with residents and businesses, prior to seeking formal Government approval.

The SCCDRP is a districtwide group aiming to reduce crime, tackle anti-social behaviour, and fear of crime in Suffolk Coastal and includes among its members the local police, Suffolk Coastal District Council, Suffolk County Council, and many town and parish councils.

## BINNING DANGEROUS WEAPONS



Weapon Amnesty bin swings into Felixstowe

Two imitation handguns, five magazines of high calibre ammunition and five knives were placed in Felixstowe's weapons amnesty bin in its first few days in June. Police encouraged people to make use of the 'no questions asked' disposal facility at the Cobbold Road/ Crescent Road car park, giving anyone with unwanted knives or other weapons the chance to get rid of them safely and anonymously.

Felixstowe sector commander Inspector Neal Atwell said: "Taking these items off the street is a positive step. Any weapons

deposited in the bin will be taken out of circulation, stopping them from potentially falling into the hands of someone who might use them for a criminal purpose."

The amnesty bin was backed by Suffolk Coastal Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, and is part of the Nightsafe scheme, which sees police, local councils and other groups working in partnership to try to reduce crime and disorder. Pictured at the launch of the bin are Inspector Neal Atwell, Councillor Malcolm Minns, Pc Richard Durrant and Guy Richardson.

## TACKLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR



Ian Abery (standing) pictured with Guy Richardson

Suffolk Coastal has appointed its first Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator who will play a key role in helping to reduce crime and disorder across the district.

Ian Abery, a former community policeman, has joined the Council and will be working closely with Guy Richardson, the Community Safety Officer. The new post has been funded by the Home Office for two years as the Government now requires every Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership to have its own full-time Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator.

"Suffolk Coastal has an excellent record of lower crime rates than the national average. However, anti-social behaviour has become a persistent nuisance in some parts of our

district. This key new role will help us address this issue," said Cllr Patricia O'Brien, Chairman of the Suffolk Coastal Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

Anti-social behaviour is defined in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as someone acting in an anti-social manner that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons. More information about anti-social behaviour can be found on the Government's website [www.together.gov.uk](http://www.together.gov.uk)

The council got its first Anti Social behaviour Order from Lowestoft Magistrates banning Andrew Sophocleus from a mile radius of Carlton Green, Kelsale and from harrasing Suffolk Heritage Housing Association tenants.

## SCALLOP SCULPTURE NOT IN WRONG LOCATION



Scallop attracting more attention

Scallop, the 12 foot high steel sculpture on Aldeburgh beach by Maggi Hambling, is not in the wrong location Councillor Ray Herring, Leader of Suffolk Coastal, has re-asserted.

In July 2003, the decision to site the Scallop was made by the Council after consultation with local residents and with no objection from Aldeburgh Town Council or English Nature.

"There is no question that many people feel very strongly that the sculpture spoils this part of the beach. However, we know that many others feel equally passionately that the work enhances this special landscape. There is not much chance of reconciling those two positions," said Cllr Ray Herring.

Earlier this year, the Council met with representatives of Aldeburgh Town Council when it was agreed that there was no acceptable alternative site. However, campaigners are still pressing for a move and the Council has said it will not get directly involved in prolonging the debate.

"We believe that there is no realistic prospect of reaching a consensus between supporters and opponents of the current site. We will not agree to move Scallop without such a consensus, and we do not want to hold out false hope to the objectors that we think it is achievable," added Cllr Herring.

The sculpture was unveiled in November 2003, as a tribute to Aldeburgh's most famous former citizen, Benjamin Britten

It was given to Suffolk Coastal by the artist and the Adnams Charity, which raised over £56,000 in funding, much of it from local individuals and trusts.

## SOMETHING FOR ALL AT YOXFORD

This year's Arts Festival at Yoxford runs from August 21 to 28 and offers an exciting range of events including exhibitions, lectures, poetry recitals, and music from across the globe including opera, renaissance and salsa.

Highlights include Catherine Bott Purcell's Dido and Aeneas, folk icons Martin Carthy and Norma Waterson, the Blues

## NEW CHAIRMAN RAISES THE FLAG AT FELIXSTOWE



Chairman Trevor Hawkins gets ready to raise the flag

The Blue Flag is flying proudly at Felixstowe South for the fifth consecutive year as the beach has again scooped the prestigious Resort Seaside Award.

The Seaside Awards given by ENCAMS recognise clean, well-

managed resort and rural beaches that comply with the legal minimum standards of water quality as laid down by the European Union. All bathing water is tested and only those beaches that meet the strict European guidelines are eligible for an award.

Brothers Tribute Band, the acoustic blues guitarist Steve Phillips, Roberto Pla and his 16 strong Latin Jazz Ensemble, and the Medici String Quartet performing by candlelight.

There are far too many events to list here, but you can find out more by calling the Festival Office on 01728 667040, or visit [www.yoxfest.org.uk](http://www.yoxfest.org.uk)

## SOLAR ENERGY CAN SAVE MONEY

Over 70 people found out at a recent Suffolk Coastal Greenprint Forum how solar energy can significantly cut their fuel bills and help the environment.

They heard about the Community Renewables Initiative (CRI) that offers free help to any community group to assess the feasibility of a renewable energy project, with advice on suitable technologies plus help to find funding.

Genersys, a solar panel manufacturer, explained that the average

home installation costs £2,800, with Government grants of £500 available to anyone using an approved installer.

Suffolk Coastal, on behalf of all the district and borough councils in Suffolk, hopes to soon launch a discounted solar water-heating scheme for Suffolk residents. If you would like an information pack call Suffolk Energy Action Link on 0800 0288 938.

For more information on the CRI visit [www.cri-east.org.uk](http://www.cri-east.org.uk) or call 0845 120 1516.

ENCAMS measures nearly 20 different criteria before the awards are decided, and to win the Blue Flag, Felixstowe South beach had to meet additional categories on dog control, supervision and first aid facilities during peak hours and the provision of parking and toilets for disabled visitors.

The flag was raised by Councillor Trevor Hawkins, the new Chairman of Suffolk Coastal who has represented Leiston between 1983 and 1995 and was re-elected in 2003.

"Born a Londoner I value the peace and tranquillity I have enjoyed in Suffolk over the past 37 years. I am honoured to be invited to represent the people of Suffolk Coastal and to meet many of those who make the district the place where the quality of life counts," said Cllr Hawkins.

Cllr Malcolm Minns will, by choice, continue as Vice-Chairman for the coming year. The outgoing Chairman, who served for one year, was Cllr John Hammond. Cllr Ray Herring was re-elected as Leader of the Council.