

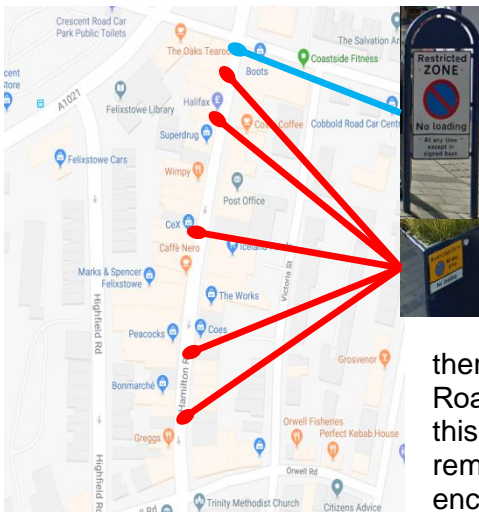


March 2019

Felixstowe Partnership Funded PCSO Report

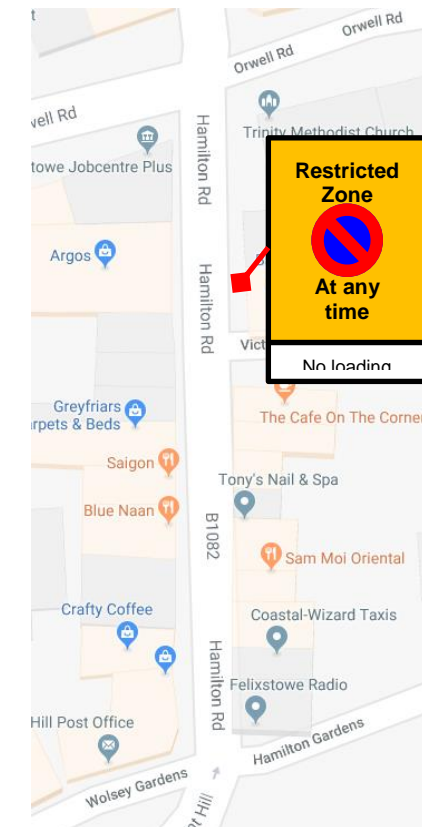
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Parking



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stationary cars which drivers have to navigate around while watching out for pedestrians. The limited parking bays in the town are bays all day. There are a which include residents using shoppers leaving their car for bays that are affected are in Road and Hamilton Road. As bays will become used more longer than the permitted time. still within a walking distance Road and Crescent Road.



there are not enough signs or lines throughout the entirety of Hamilton Road to clearly show where parking is and isn't permitted. Enforcement this month has been positive and I have been able to educate more drivers removing the need to issue tickets. By asking drivers to move on it encourages traffic to continue flowing rather than becoming a minefield of often abused and cars are left in these number of reasons for this some of them, local business owners and longer than the allotted time. The main Orwell Road, Victoria Street, Cobbold we approach the summer months these and vehicles cannot be allowed to park Further afield from Hamilton Road but there is parking on Ranelagh Road, York

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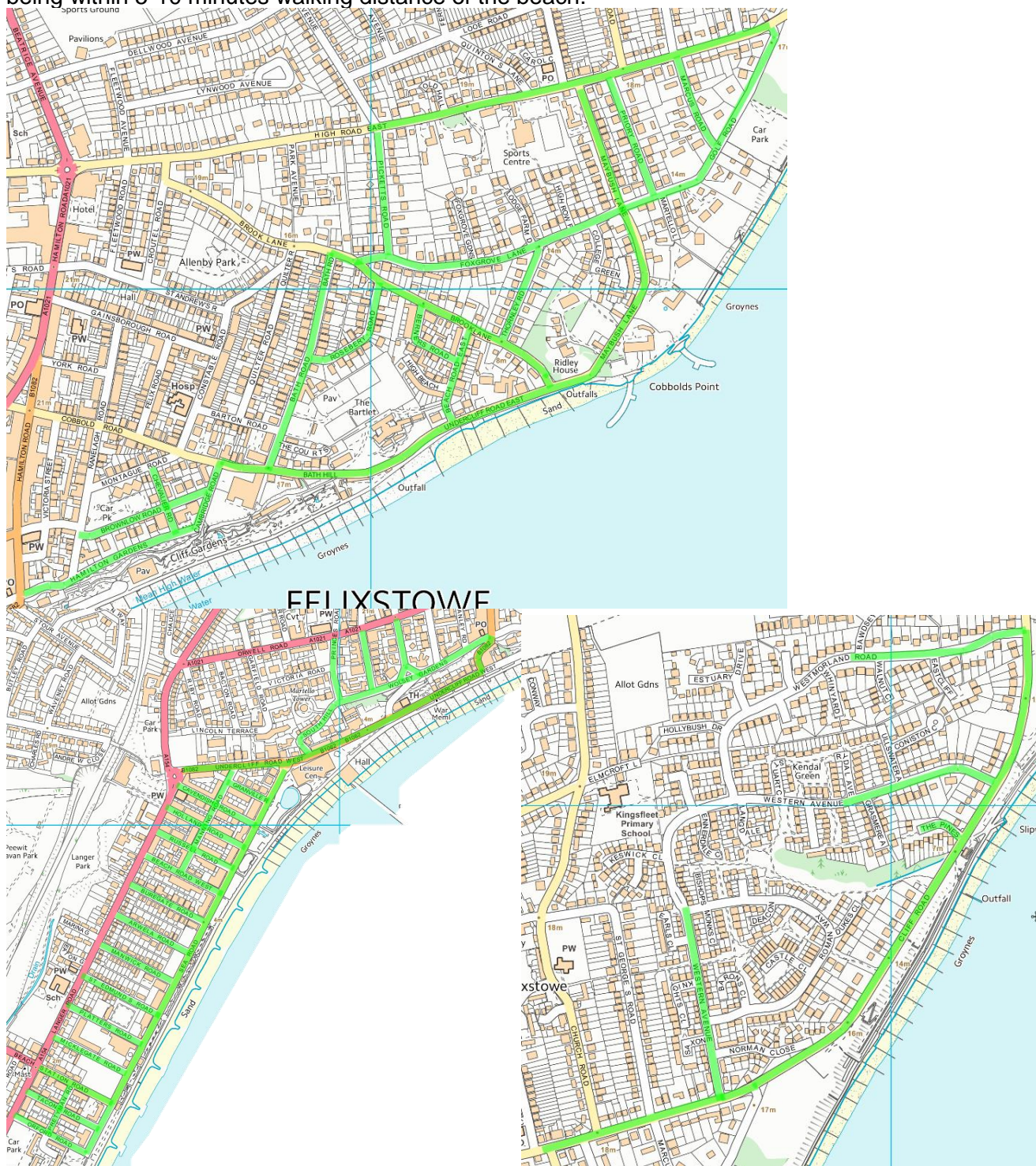
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Information relating to parking, lines and signs is available in the Highway Code which can be viewed or downloaded from <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code>

Emerging Issues

As the weather begins to improve the tourist trade in Felixstowe will increase and with this comes more traffic. As we approach May new restrictions come into force in areas around the seafront and clifftops. The main restriction is no waiting between May 1st and September 30th varying times between 8am and 7pm. These restrictions prevent vehicles from parking on the road and grass verges during the summer months and are mainly present near to the prom, beach and residential areas close to the sea. The seafront area will become very heavily populated with traffic and pedestrians and to ensure traffic continues to move freely and that parking is safe and legal it will be important for these areas to be policed. I have highlighted areas which have had problems in the past and areas which are liable to have parking problems due to being within 5-10 minutes walking distance of the beach.



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April 2019

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Parking

This month I have decided to take a slightly different approach to parking in the town centre which has had positive results. I have worked on educating motorists about the rules in Hamilton Road and rather than give tickets I have tried to 'intercept' cars before drivers get out and walk away. By doing this it has greatly decreased the number of cars parked illegally which allows traffic to flow with ease on Hamilton Road. There are still occasions where I have issued tickets for offences however I have had a better reception from drivers who are asked to find a more suitable space to park than having vehicles parked anywhere along the road. There is still a problem with the section of Hamilton Road between Bank Corner and Bent Hill. The main issue I have observed is vehicles parking outside of the bank which makes it difficult for cars and goods vehicles to negotiate that area. Many of the drivers are using the bank and cash point briefly but some vehicles have been parking for a significant amount of time. One car alone does not always become a problem however on many occasions there are several vehicles parked there which results in single file traffic. This problem can be extended further towards Bent Hill which results in problems at the junction as cars have to travel on the opposing side of the road when navigating the junction. I have recorded over 200 offences in Felixstowe related to parking which have been dealt with either by a fixed penalty or a warning notice.

Schools

Following letters that were sent out in February unfortunately parking around schools is a regular issue. Even if parents are guardians are late dropping off or picking up it is not acceptable to park illegally. The restrictions are in place for the safety of the children and the other road users. Generally most parents/carers park safely and considerately which means that school pick up and drop off does not cause any significant problems other than increased traffic volume. At some schools there has been an improvement and I have not had to deal with any illegal or unsafe parking.

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May 2019

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Parking



Parking has proven to be a dynamic and constantly changing issue with everyday being different. Some days there are no problems and on other days there will be countless illegally parked vehicles in and around town. I have dealt with nearly 300 parking offences and 74% of these offences have occurred in the town centre with over 40% being in Hamilton Road alone. I have tried a number of different methods to deal with the parking in Felixstowe from informative leaflets to zero-tolerance enforcement each with varying effect. Having spoken with numerous drivers and members of the public there are two overarching opinions with regard to parking in the town centre, the first being the driver believed they were allowed to, and the second being there were no lines. Unfortunately, ignorance to the rules is not excusable but where possible I believe it is important to educate the driver in the hope that they do not repeat the offence again. I will be carrying out zero-tolerance parking enforcement across town and penalty notices will be issued to vehicles found to be parked illegally. I would like to point out that while patrolling through Hamilton Road I noticed that many of the illegally parked vehicles were displaying blue badges. Whilst it is legal for badge holders to park in the black bays only, numerous cars were parked outside of the signed black bays resulting in navigating through the shared space both difficult and dangerous for pedestrians and motorists. Parking outside of the bays results in 'choke' points being created where the road is made narrower and the danger to pedestrians increased. It is important that drivers look out for the various signs and restrictions in town.



Only disabled badge holders and goods vehicles may park in the black bays on Hamilton Road. No vehicles are permitted to park **anywhere** on Hamilton Road except for the **marked or signed bays**. Cars must not park outside of Barclays bank.

Schools

There has been a positive improvement with some schools which may be due to the warmer weather with more children walking or cycling to school. There are some schools which due to their location, road layout and number of pupils which are suffering from more problems. At one particular school traffic there are nearby roadworks which resulted in increased traffic along the road. The increased traffic and the narrow road eventually became gridlocked with cars unable to move. There will be a continued effort to work with schools to address such issues.

Emerging Issues

The school holidays have highlighted some anti-social behaviour taking place in public open spaces and parks such as the skate park and spa gardens. This ASB involves substance misuse, vandalism and general nuisance. It is important to address this prior to the summer holidays with high visibility and regular patrols during the evenings when most ASB is occurring.

Following the closure of one side of the academy entrance students are now travelling along the high road and along Maidstone road to get home. This has brought numerous problems and complaints from residents. Working with the school we hope to address this as soon as possible to prevent anti-social behaviour before and after school.

SNT Newsletter

Felixstowe

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Responding to issues in your community

During the month of March 2019 there was a total of 319 investigations in the Felixstowe and District. (Investigations relate not only to recorded criminal offences, but also safeguarding individuals). Criminal Offences recorded range from various assaults and public order offences to theft and burglary and drug possession.

Making the community safer

During the month of March we are still experiencing a number of Burglaries and attempted Burglaries of Dwellings, Garages and sheds in Felixstowe, Trimley St Mary, Purdis Farm and Waldringfield. Method of entry has been via insecurities for example open windows and unlocked doors, by forcing patio doors and smashing windows at the rear of premises. Please remember to secure your property including doors and windows, do not leave notes on the door or leave the garage open for deliveries. Report any suspicious sounds of smashing glass to the Police on 999. For more Crime Prevention Advice visit <http://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice/crime-prevention-z> Register with Police Connect and follow Ipswich East Facebook and Twitter for regular updates and information on what is going on in your area.

Preventing, reducing and solving crime and ASB

The Eastern area of the County has experienced a high volume of vehicle thefts. Many vehicles targeted had been left insecure with items of value on display. We advise car owners and drivers to secure their vehicles at all times and refrain from leaving any valuables inside their vehicles at any time. Those with keyless entry fobs or cards are advised to keep their fob or card away from doors and windows when at home or store them in a protective metallic container at home or protective Faraday pouch when out. Protecting your fob or card will prevent the signal being used by criminals with another device which enables them to gain entry to your vehicle. Switching your car fob off when you are away on holiday is another way to prevent vehicle theft.

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Future events

Tasking meeting 30th April 2019 with local authorities and agencies to discuss any emerging issues and ASB in the locality. These are based on reported incidents during the month. If you have any concerns to report for this meeting then please email the SNT on the address shown below.

PCSO Ben Sagi Felixstowe Town Hall Surgery Wednesday 1st May 2019

Did you know that there is a website called "Ask the Police"?

It is a website which provides answers to the most frequently asked Policing questions. It provides links to other relevant national organisations. If you are unsure whether to call the Police and it is not an emergency you may just find the answer without having to call the Police. In an emergency always call 999

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Tasking meeting 28th May 2019 with local authorities and agencies to discuss any emerging issues and ASB in the locality. These are based on reported incidents during the month. If you have any concerns to report for this meeting then please email the SNT on the address shown below.

Look out for the Police at the Suffolk Show this year as we have worked hard to plan a really interactive experience for the whole family.