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NEWS UPDATE

The  
Newsletter  
of Felixstowe  
Town Council

## TOWN TALK

Much has been happening in Felixstowe over the summer months including a successful Felixstowe Carnival, the first Beer at the Pier festival and Art on the Prom. Planning continues for more events in the town's calendar later in the year.

### Felixstowe Seafront Gardens

In August, it was confirmed that the Felixstowe Seafront Gardens have been awarded funding of £2.2 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund which is marvellous news. There are exciting plans to restore and enhance the Seafront Gardens, which are appreciated by many and which contribute to the uniqueness of Felixstowe as a place to enjoy.

Now this next phase of funding has been confirmed, the work is scheduled to take place from September 2012, with an anticipated completion date towards the end of 2013. All are welcome to join the Friends of Felixstowe Seafront Gardens, a local group of volunteers who are interested in helping to support the improvements. If interested, please contact Julie Smith at [julie\\_235@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:julie_235@hotmail.co.uk) or Bridget Martin at [felixmartin100@gmail.com](mailto:felixmartin100@gmail.com). If you would like to join in the gardening sessions, please contact Doreen Savage on (01394) 285895 or email [doreen.savage@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:doreen.savage@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk).

### Central Felixstowe Coast Protection Scheme

Another major scheme underway at present is the Central Felixstowe Coast Protection Scheme, which is being orchestrated by Suffolk Coastal District Council. The District Council have appointed Volker Stevin Ltd as their contractor. The £10 million scheme will provide vital coastal protection from the relentless natural elements. Works will be completed in two phases, and will consist of the demolition of the existing groynes and the construction of 18 rock groynes from the War Memorial to Cobbold's Point.

Phase 1, which is the construction of 9 rock groynes from Harvest House to Cobbold's Point, has already started, and is anticipated to be completed towards the end of the year. The beach area will then be recovered with a mixture of sand and shingle.

Work on Phase 2, which is the construction of the remaining 9 rock groynes, is scheduled from April to July 2012. It is also intended that a walkway will be constructed around Cobbold's Point to Jacob's Ladder. Any queries in relation to this scheme should be made to Eric Smethurst, Public Liaison Manager, Volker Stevin Ltd on [eric.smethurst@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:eric.smethurst@hotmail.co.uk) or on (07714) 684744. Further information is also available at [www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/coastalprotection/](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/coastalprotection/) central and monthly newsletter updates will also be produced by Volker Stevin on progress to date. These will be available at the Town Hall.



### Remembrance Activities

The Mayor and Town Councillors will once again lead the Town Council's Remembrance activities in November. This year's Remembrance Service will take place on Sunday 13th November at the United Reformed Church on Orwell Road, starting at 9.45am. This will be followed by an Act of Remembrance at 11am at the War Memorial on the Seafront.

The Town Council will also be observing the Remembrance Day tradition of Two Minutes Silence on Friday 11th November at 11am at the War Memorial.

### Felixstowe in Flower 2011



This year's Felixstowe in Flower scheme has once again been enhancing the town with floral displays, hanging baskets, tubs and troughs.

The Town Council's Felixstowe in Flower Committee are grateful that even in straightened economic times the generosity of sponsors has resulted in some beautiful baskets and floral displays, adding colour and vitality in the town's streets.

The Town Council has been pleased to receive some positive feedback on the hanging baskets in particular this year. The Felixstowe in Flower judges have largely completed their deliberations of the entries in a vast array of competitions, and have been delighted with the standard of this year's entries. Details regarding the winners will appear in the next newsletter.

### Mayoral Charities

This year's Mayor, Councillor Doreen Savage MBE, has chosen to support three charities during her civic year: Felixstowe Citizens' Advice Bureau, Felixstowe Seafarers' Centre and T S Landguard (Sea Cadets). The Mayor's Civic Reception took place on 2nd September at Landguard Fort.

A fundraising evening is being held on 3rd October 2011 at the Blue Naan restaurant, and the Mayor's Ball will be held on Friday 20th April 2012 at the Orwell Hotel, Felixstowe. The Mayor and her Escort, Mrs Peggy Osborne, represent Felixstowe at a variety of civic events and welcome support for this year's Mayoral charities.

## TOWN TALK

### Christmas Lights in Felixstowe

As autumn approaches, work continues on preparations for the 2011 Christmas Lights. The Lions Club of Felixstowe works tirelessly throughout the year to ensure Felixstowe's Christmas lights illuminate the centre of town and spread good cheer over the festive season. This year's Lighting Up event will be on Saturday 26th November at the Triangle with the Mayor switching on the lights at 5pm.

With the Triangle improvement works complete, this will be an excellent opportunity to use the canopy on the Triangle for events such as this. Anyone interested in booking a pitch for a stall on Hamilton Road should contact [events@felixstowechamber.co.uk](mailto:events@felixstowechamber.co.uk) or towards the Triangle should contact Chris Finbow on (01394) 286513.

### Port of Felixstowe

This year marks a significant milestone in the Port of Felixstowe's history with the expansion and reconfiguration works at Berths 8 and 9 complete, and celebrations taking place for the official opening ceremony and for the 125th anniversary of the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Company.

There is no doubt that Felixstowe as a place is inextricably interwoven with the presence and commerce of Felixstowe as a port, and with these two events, the Port of Felixstowe embarks on another chapter in its history.



Photos (by Lisa Tyte): Rocks are loaded onto the beach on 15th September 2011, as part of Phase 1 of the Central Felixstowe Coast Protection Scheme (page 1 bottom left). Spa Gardens in flower (page 1 on right). The Port of Felixstowe from The View Point at Landguard Fort.

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### WHEN WE MEET

The Full Council meets at 7.30pm.

Feel free to come along to our meetings to see and hear what issues we are talking about. There is a public question time at the start of each meeting so that you can let us know your views on Felixstowe issues.

### Forthcoming meetings:

5th October 2011 and 7th December 2011 at Felixstowe Town Hall

### WHAT WE DO....

#### Some services the Town Council provides:

- Allotments • Felixstowe in Flower
- Cemetery • Broadway House and Walton Community Hall
- Felixstowe Town Hall Lettings • Youth Forum
- Civic occasions and Flood Memorial
- Grant Support to Local Organisations

#### Some of what we do in partnership:

- Consultation on planning applications
- Highways matters/transport issues
- Town Centre Management/Libraries
  - Safer neighbourhoods
  - Felixstowe Futures
- Twinning, Christmas Lighting
- Play area/sports facilities

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