

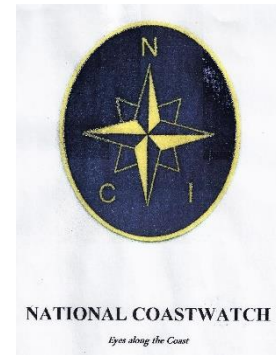
FELIXSTOWE NCI CLIFFLANDS CCTV PROJECT

Martello Tower P

Felixstowe

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Charity Number 1159975



The Role of Felixstowe NCI is to :

- Keep a visual watch on coastal area visible from Martello Tower P
- To Monitor the international distress channel on VHF Channel 16, together with Channels 0, 65, 67 and 71
- To cooperate with HM Coastguard and other search and rescue organisations as required
- To watch over and assist divers operating in the vicinity
- To monitor local weather conditions and, when requested give local weather reports
- To monitor and report as necessary instances of pollution or danger on the local shore
- To assist the general public and relevant authorities in every possible way

The Watch Station is manned entirely by volunteer Watchkeepers. The station is open 365 days a year during as many daylight hours as possible.

The Watch Station is assessed each year by HM Coastguard to confirm its capability to be used as a 'Declared Facility' by search and rescue organisations.

The Felixstowe Watch is one of 50 plus sites round the coast as part of the National Coastwatch Institution. The Watch station reports to Dover Coastguard and is totally funded by donations and fund raising activities.

From the Martello tower a watch is kept over ...

- Felixstowe's beaches from Cobbold's Point to the North and Martello Park to the South
- the sea from the Woodbridge Haven buoy to the North, out to Rough Towers to the East and round to Walton on the Naze to the South.
- **From May 2018 – the entrance to the River Deben**
- **From May 2018 the sea and beaches from Felixstowe Ferry to Cobbold's Point**

The highlighted points above are made possible through the erection of a CCTV (and additional internet) camera in the Clifflands Car Park. The map below illustrates the extension of vision that the erection of the CCTV Camera provides for the Watchkeepers based in Martello Tower 'P'.

The contract to erect the mast and camera was agreed with STC in December 2017. Work has progressed but was adversely affected by the severe weather experienced during early 2018. The mast is now ready to erect and the camera to be installed. We hope have everything operational from early May 2018.



This Project was only made possible through the generosity of a number of individuals and organisations who support the role of Felixstowe Coastwatch in saving lives and keeping the coast safe for visitors and residents to use.

In particular thanks from Felixstowe Coastwatch to –

- SCDC Exemplar Grant
- Every SCDC Felixstowe Councillor
- Felixstowe Town Council Grant
- Felixstowe Marks & Spencers Store
- East Anglian Cooperative Society
- Fundraising Efforts of Watchkeepers

While on watch we are delighted to welcome visitors (subject to operational incidents being managed). If anyone would like to see what goes on in the Coastwatch Tower you can phone 01394 670808 if you are in the area, and hopefully be invited up for a look around. If groups would like a tour out of hours, or a talk about the work of Felixstowe Coastwatch, please use the contact below.

For more information Contact : -

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