

FELIXSTOWE AND DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR SPORT AND RECREATION



- Felixstowe and District Council for Sport and Recreation was founded in 1964 and is a local sports council which is the umbrella for some 35 affiliated sports clubs with around 5000 sports players
- It is the most active local sports council in Suffolk and in 2014 won the Felixstowe Town Council Award for Community Achievement
- The council works through an Executive Committee of 14 members including two members from Felixstowe Town Council and one each from Trimley St. Mary and Trimley St. Martin Parish Councils as well as representatives from the major sports
- A variety of aims include above all the encouragement of greater participation in sport and recreation by all sections of the community - especially younger and older people - together with reviewing the areas sporting and recreational needs and the encouragement of the development of facilities including for play
- There is a long history of close liaison with Felixstowe Town Council and Suffolk Coastal District Council with currently grant aid of £200 a year from Felixstowe
- Recent activities include :
 - the annual Sports Awards evening with the Mayor of Felixstowe presenting six awards including Sports Personality of the Year, Junior Sports Personality, Team of the Year and Club Official of the Year
 - a dedicated noticeboard in Felixstowe Library for affiliated clubs to promote themselves

- provision of advice and support for clubs - especially in respect of fundraising and volunteering

- start-up grants for new sports clubs that are formed
- small grants of £25.00 a year to clubs to assist with the purchase of basic equipment such as a first aid kit and interest free loans to help with the purchase of essential capital equipment

- the Inter-Town Sports Challenge between Felixstowe and Woodbridge in around ten different sports such as outdoor bowls, road running and soccer for over thirty years

- additionally the council has funded some £70000 to improve sport and play facilities in the town including two basketball courts at Cavendish Park and Walton Recreation Ground, a small all-weather surface at Allenby Park, a climbing dome in Langer Park, a BMX/Skateboard track at Cavendish Park, a trim trail at Eastwood Ho and six mini-football goal nets at various locations

- For further information, please contact the Chairman of Felixstowe and District Council for Sport and Recreation
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