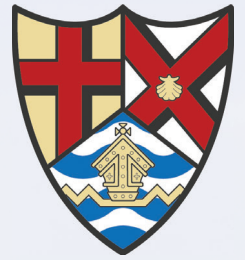


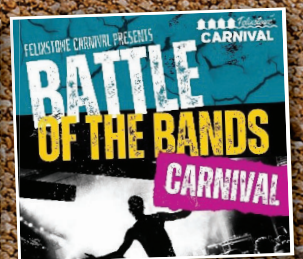
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for Felixstowe Residents **2026**



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Hello and Welcome to this Summer Edition!

As I settle into my first months as Mayor of Felixstowe, I want to begin by saying how grateful I am for the trust placed in me. Felixstowe has been my home for almost my entire life, and it is a privilege to serve a town that has shaped me, supported my family, and given us so much over the years. To now represent our community in this role is something I value deeply.

I would also like to take a moment to recognise the work of the outgoing Mayor, Cllr Corrine Franklin. Corrine approached the role with real enthusiasm and a genuine commitment to the people of Felixstowe. Her dedication over the past year has been appreciated by residents, community groups and volunteers across the town, and I want to thank her for the energy and care she brought to the mayoralty.

The role of Mayor is traditionally entirely non-political, which suits my own approach perfectly. It's all about putting community before politics and ensuring that every resident feels represented, regardless of background or viewpoint. Local government works best when people feel able to step forward and contribute, and I hope my appointment encourages others to consider standing for council in the future. Our town thrives when a wide range of voices are involved in shaping its direction.

One of the most rewarding aspects of the mayoralty is the opportunity to support local charities. This year, I have chosen three organisations whose work reflects the compassion and resilience that define Felixstowe: Pitstop, Brave Futures and Dora Brown. Each charity supports people facing difficult or vulnerable circumstances, offering practical help, emotional support and a sense of stability. I look forward to working closely with them throughout the year and helping to raise awareness of the vital services they provide.

I am also pleased to introduce my Mayor's Cadet for the year, Ordinary Cadet Branston Deakin of TS Landguard. Branston has already shown great commitment to the Sea Cadets and to



representing young people in our town. I am delighted to have him supporting me at civic events, and I hope the experience will be both enjoyable and inspiring for him.

As we look ahead to the coming months, there is much to look forward to in Felixstowe. Our town's calendar is full of events that bring people together, celebrate local talent and showcase the best of our community spirit. The Felixstowe Carnival is one of the highlights of the summer, and I know many residents are already preparing for another fantastic weekend of colour, music and celebration. Alongside this, we have a wide range of community activities, festivals and gatherings that reflect the vibrancy and diversity of our town.

My focus for the year ahead is simple: to serve with openness, kindness and a genuine commitment to our community. Felixstowe is at its strongest when we support one another, when we recognise the contributions of volunteers and local groups, and when we work together to make our town a welcoming and thriving place to live. I look forward to meeting many more residents in the months ahead and to working with you all to continue building a positive future for Felixstowe.

Cllr Darren Aitchison,
Mayor of Felixstowe



Your Magazine

We would be pleased to receive relevant articles from community groups and voluntary organisations letting residents know what is happening in the Felixstowe area.

If you would like to submit an article for consideration in the next quarterly edition Autumn 26 (covering the period from **1 September - 30 November**), please email holly.miles@felixstowe.gov.uk by **15 August**

If possible, include hi-res images/photos and your group's logo. You don't have to send a fully-written article – bullet points or a few notes are fine to help point us in the right direction – but it must be no longer than 250 words. We will aim to cover many different articles from issue to issue and will seek to offer a fair and equal representation for community groups throughout the town. Sometimes articles may have to be edited, shortened or dropped altogether. Felixstowe Town Council reserves the right to publish articles at its discretion.

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Call 01394 282086 or email enquiries@felixstowe.gov.uk for prices and to book your ad.

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An Update from the Mayor's Charities

The Mayor of Felixstowe's chosen charities for the year 2026-27 are Dora Brown, Pitstop and Brave Futures. You can find out more about the work of the charities and their plans for the year ahead, below.

Dora Brown

Dora Brown

Dora Brown is a not-for-profit organisation working to support families with children in and around Felixstowe, Ipswich and Woodbridge. Dora has a large team of volunteers who transform homes, free-of-charge, for families living in crisis; homes which have broken down because of furniture & hygiene poverty and domestic neglect.

We clear clutter and rubbish, deep clean and organise. With donations and our corporate partners we provide furniture, carpets, curtains, bedding, hygiene products and whatever necessities are needed. We also gift toys, cushions, fruit bowls and other nice homely things that improve family wellbeing. We provide ongoing support to help families maintain their homes longer term. The physical transformation of the home has a knock on impact on the health and wellbeing of families we support.

Dora Brown works with families suffering severe hardship for any reason. We work with families



of any size, in any type of home. We treat every family and home with respect, sensitivity and confidentiality. We never judge. No matter how bad people feel their home or situation is, we're here to help. We roll up our sleeves and get stuck in

Want to help? We always welcome new volunteers. We have an Amazon Wishlist of things our families



desperately need that you can buy and have sent directly to our storage. We rely on your donations, grants and our own fundraising, so we are always looking for new opportunities to fundraise.

Please visit our website www.dorabrown.com or Instagram @dorabrownhomemaking for more information on how you can support us.

Brave Futures



Brave Futures is a specialist charity supporting children and young people who have experienced sexual abuse. Sadly, 1 in 10 children will need support like ours during their lifetime. We are proud to be here in Felixstowe, ensuring local children can access life-saving, trauma-informed support close to home, while also delivering services across Suffolk and Norfolk.

No child should be left alone to untangle feelings of fear, shame, confusion or hurt. Every child deserves to feel safe, heard and believed, and to be supported to rebuild their confidence and reclaim their childhood.

We are incredibly honoured to have been chosen as one of the Mayor's charities this year alongside two other incredible causes. This partnership gives us a valuable opportunity to raise awareness of the prevalence of child sexual abuse and help more children, young people and families know where they can turn for support. By increasing understanding within our communities, we can help adults recognise concerns earlier, encourage children to speak out, and ultimately help safeguard more young people.

Alongside raising awareness, the Mayor's support will also help raise the vital funds needed to continue delivering specialist support across our region. Every donation will help us provide trauma-informed sessions, support families, and ensure children are not left facing the impact of abuse alone.

With the support of our community, we can continue ensuring that children and young people affected by sexual abuse are able to access the specialist help they need, when they need it most.

Pitstop

Pitstop is a volunteer-run, donation-based community service based at St Edmund's Hall on Langer Road, Felixstowe. We provide free essential items for babies, children and families, thanks entirely to the kindness and generosity of public donations.



Built on a simple idea of helping local people, Pitstop was created to offer support without judgement, barriers, or complicated criteria. Everyone is welcome.

What started with just a few boxes of baby clothes has grown into a unique and much-loved community charity, supporting families across Felixstowe and beyond.

Alongside baby and children's clothing, we also provide items such as:

- Pushchairs and buggies
- Nappies and baby milk
- Toys, books and games
- Blankets and shoes
- Electrical items
- Clothing ranging from maternity to adults

Throughout the year, we host a variety of free community events, including seasonal celebrations such as our Summer and Christmas events, helping bring people together in a safe, welcoming space.

Over the past 5 years, Pitstop has continued to grow from strength to strength and we are excited for the mayoral year ahead.

For more information - Please visit our Facebook page: Pitstop.

Opening Times
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9am - 12pm
Alternate weekends 10am - 2pm

Please visit our Facebook page for the latest updates and information.

Who Do I Talk To About...?



Felixstowe Town Council is the council closest to its residents and is responsible for:

- The office of the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Mayoral arrangements.
- Awarding grants to support local community groups and charities.
- Remembrance events in conjunction with the Felixstowe branch of the Royal British Legion
- The upkeep of Felixstowe's War and Flood Memorials.
- Felixstowe's Community Emergency Plan
- Felixstowe in Flower floral basket scheme and competitions.
- Allenby Park and Gosford Way Park.
- Floral bedding at The Triangle.
- Felixstowe's Civic Awards scheme.
- Supporting the town's Twinning and Partnership arrangements with the Germans towns of Wesel and Salzwedel.
- Felixstowe Youth Forum.
- Funding the Christmas Lights (supported by the Lions Club of Felixstowe).
- Representation on local planning applications, strategic planning and consultations.
- Supporting the provision of Community Public Access Defibrillators.
- Felixstowe Town Hall - the administrative home of the Town Council, a local base for partner community services such as Suffolk County Council Registrar, open to the public for meetings and popular wedding venue.
- Broadway House - the home of Felixstowe Old People's Welfare Association (FOPWA).
- Walton Community Hall - available for private and community hire.
- Allotment sites at Cowpasture, Ferry Road, Railway Hill and Taunton Road.
- Annual funding and contribution to key local service providers including Felixstowe Coast Patrol & Rescue, LevelTwo Youth Project, Citizen's Advice and the Landguard Fort Trust.
- Felixstowe Cemetery and its Gardens of Rest.

Call 01394 282086 or visit
www.felixstowe.gov.uk



East Suffolk Council provides a range of regulatory and community services across the whole of the East Suffolk district and is responsible for:

- The collection of council tax and business rates
- Local planning and building regulations
- Kerbside waste and recycling collections, including fly tipping (in conjunction with East Suffolk Services Ltd.)
- Benefits
- Community Safety
- Elections
- Housing needs
- Maintaining the resort of Felixstowe and the provision of the beach huts
- Maintenance of Felixstowe's public parks, open spaces and place areas (in conjunction with East Suffolk Services)
- Public car parks and parking enforcement
- Licensing, Environmental and Port Health
- Leisure Services (in conjunction with Places Leisure)
- Street cleaning

Call 0333 016 2000 or visit
www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk

East Suffolk Services can be contacted via
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Suffolk County Council is the top tier of local government, providing services on a county-wide basis and is responsible for:

- Highways (except motorways and Major A roads, which are the responsibility of Highways England)
- Education and Libraries
- Social Services
- Trading Standards
- Public transport
- Fire and Rescue Services
- Waste and recycling centres
- Bus passes and disabled parking permits
- Registry of births, deaths and marriages
- Most street lighting, pavements, rights of way, footpaths and cycle ways
- Adoption and fostering

Call 0345 606 6067 or visit
www.suffolk.gov.uk

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LOCAL COUNCIL
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Felixstowe Town Council

The Council comprises 16 Members representing five wards who are elected every four years. Council also delegates some of its functions to its Committees. Please note forthcoming meeting dates below:

10 June	Planning & Environment	9:30am
17 June	Ordinary Council	7:30pm
24 June	Planning & Environment	9:30am
8 July	Planning & Environment	9:30am
8 July	Assets & Services	7:30pm
22 July	Planning & Environment	9:30am
5 August	Planning & Environment	9:30am
5 August	Planning & Environment	9:30am
26 August	Planning & Environment	9:30am

Note: all meetings listed are open to the press and public, who are also welcome to attend online via Zoom. 15 minutes are set aside for public participation, during which time members of the public can speak or ask a question. Details on when meetings take place, the matters for consideration and records of decisions made are all available on our website, facebook page and twitter.

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Your Community Stories

2026 Theme – The Battle of the Bands



There is still time to book a place in the Saturday procession. Doesn't matter what sort of music – Pop, Swing, Disco, Rock, Heavy Metal – everyone is welcome. We can supply a lorry if you want to join in but can't walk the route. Or a couple of bands could share a lorry and compete with each other to make the most noise!

This year we have something extra special for the procession route – decorated shields. We're inviting individuals, families, schools, charities and businesses to design and decorate a shield to be displayed along the Carnival route. Have a look at our website for more info.

For the Event Area, we have traders booked, family entertainment, craft stalls for the leisure centre, the funfair as usual and many different music acts. Saturday's headliner is the Counterfeit Brits – the Britpop band who gave us a great performance last year. Sunday night we have Rude and Reckless – a ska and reggae band from Ipswich. See our website for a full list of entertainment. Weather permitting



we will have a fantastic fireworks display at 10pm on Sunday. As ever, we need volunteers to walk with the procession, hand out programmes, litter-pick and most importantly – COLLECT DONATIONS. If you can help, even if it's just for an hour, please get in touch.

Several people contacted us following our plea for 1976 memories, including Susan Ring who was the Carnival Queen. She has many vivid memories of that year, including an appointment to judge a rabbit competition, a VIP ticket to meet the stars of the Spa summer show and she also attended a wrestling match at the Pier Pavilion when one of the wrestlers was thrown out of the ring into her

lap! When Susan entered the competition to be Carnival Queen at the Orwell Hotel she was given ticket number 43. Amazingly, she is a keen ITFC fan and her seat number was 43 so no wonder she was the lucky winner!! To top it all she was presented with a bottle of pink champagne – 1966 vintage. A memorable year for all England football fans.

Another person who remembers the 1976 Carnival is Charles Wright. His company, Blast-Off Stereo Disco provided the music and PA system from a 40' trailer. He remembers a varied list of acts that year, including clowns, motorcycles, fencing, wrestling, and VIPs from the summer shows. Charles and his friend Tom Day provided music for the Carnival for several years and in 1969 they had their own Radio Felixstowe float in the procession. Check out their Facebook page to see old photos – you might recognise yourself enjoying the disco music.

All Carnival information and application forms are on our website and look out for announcements on our Facebook page.



Suffolk Remembers to Return for 2026

St Elizabeth Hospice's much-loved remembrance event, Suffolk Remembers, is to set return once more for 2026.

Every year Suffolk Remembers sees 5,000 candles displayed along Felixstowe seafront. Hundreds of people will gather to remember their loved ones, as the moving remembrance service brings the annual Suffolk Day to a close.

Taking place on Sunday 21st June from 9pm-10pm, this year's event will see live performances from Pop Chorus choir and Martlesham Brass, as well as a number of poetry readings.

Catherine Sheppard, Individual Giving Manager at St Elizabeth Hospice, said: "Suffolk Remembers brings our local community together to celebrate the lives of loved ones, and remember those no longer with us.

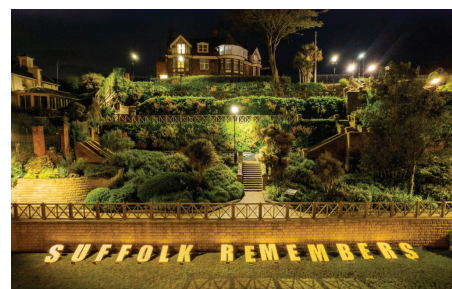
"Join us for this special remembrance event, on 21st June, as we listen to a number of readings and

musical performances, marking the close of Suffolk Day on the beautiful Felixstowe seafront."

Now in its ninth year, Suffolk Remembers is a free to attend event. For each dedicated candle, the hospice kindly asks supporters to consider making a donation to the independent Suffolk charity, which every year cares for more than 4,000 patients living with a progressive or life-limiting illness, and their families, throughout East & Mid-Suffolk, Great Yarmouth and Waveney.

All are welcome to dedicate a candle, even if they have not previously been under the hospice's care. The hospice is encouraging all who have lost a friend or relative to take the opportunity to join people from across the region in remembering them through Suffolk Remembers 2026, which once again is sponsored by East of England Co-op Funeral Services.

People will have the option to include a photo when making their dedications to loved ones, which will be included in the Suffolk Remembers online gallery. A solar-powered candle will also be lit and



added to the hospice's physical event display on the night.

The candles will be displayed from Sunday 21st June, at Felixstowe Seafront Gardens, until 12pm on Wednesday 24th June.

To dedicate a candle and to find out further information about Suffolk Remembers visit <https://visufund.com/suffolk-remembers-2026>, email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk, or call 01473 723600. To find out more about St Elizabeth Hospice call 01473 727776 or visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk.

Working for a Safer Suffolk with the Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association



We all want to live in a safe and strong community.

Funding support from the Lottery Community Fund helps create a more visible Neighbourhood Watch, making Suffolk a better place to live, together.

Please visit ourwatch.org.uk or scan the QR code to take three steps for a safer you, your family and your community.

1. It's FREE to sign up and you will receive important local Suffolk Connected Police and Neighbourhood Watch messages. So you are in the know!
2. Try the postcode search "Find your local NW" and join your local Neighbourhood Watch.
3. If no local scheme, you can set up a new one where you live by clicking on "Start a new scheme". We will be in touch to help and provide free materials including street signs and membership leaflets.



For additional information, please email the Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association - enquiries@suffolknwa.co.uk or visit the website - www.suffolknwa.co.uk

The Felixstowe Society A Walk on Cobbles



The Felixstowe Society

When Hamilton Road and its surroundings were first being laid out between 1880 and 1910 the use of cobble stone setts to surface alleyways and some roads was common practice. They are hard wearing and long lasting and if laid on sand, with no mortar between the gaps, the surface is permeable and allows water to drain through naturally.

Today, the modern and preferred material is tarmac, much easier to lay and cheaper than natural stone and the use of cobbles has become virtually obsolete.

The Felixstowe Society are keen to keep what few cobbled lanes we have left in town as a reminder of our heritage, to this end our volunteers have started regular maintenance of 'Westbrooks Passage', the passageway that is a shortcut from Hamilton Road and the back of the library. The passageway is an 'unadopted highway' which means it is not owned by anyone and no local authority has responsibility for it. Those of you who know the lane well will be aware it has not been routinely cared for in recent times. Therefore, the Society will be organising regular sessions with volunteers to help improve the appearance of the passageway and work closely with those that have properties that adjoin the area. Where we have started to take control of the vegetation we will be liaising with 'Edible Felixstowe' to see what appropriate planting could take place once the clearing up is complete. Anyone who would like to volunteer and help with the restoration of this valuable area can contact me through the email below.
chairman@felixstovesociety.org



Discover, Explore, Support Landguard

Landguard Fort, Felixstowe Museum and Landguard Nature Reserve, nestled at the tip of Landguard Point continue to preserve the area's history, heritage and wildlife for future generations.



Every visit, donation and event ticket sold helps maintain these unique places at a time when independent heritage and conservation sites face increasing financial pressures.

Landguard Fort has defended the Suffolk coast for nearly 500 years and remains one of

England's best preserved coastal fortifications. Visitor income directly supports vital conservation work, exhibitions, educational

activities and the upkeep of the Fort's historic buildings and tunnels. This summer, the Fort will be hosting a Music Weekend from 17th-19th July, featuring 70s Rock on Friday, an 80s Disco on Saturday, and a laid-back evening of Jazz on Sunday — bringing live music and community spirit into an unforgettable historic setting.

Nearby, Felixstowe Museum preserves the stories of the town and its people through volunteer-led exhibitions and carefully protected collections. A major new exhibition celebrating the history of women's football in Ipswich and Suffolk shines a spotlight on the players, clubs and communities that helped shape the women's game locally.

Beyond the historic walls, Landguard Nature Reserve protects one of Suffolk's most important coastal habitats, with volunteers helping conserve rare plants, migrating birds and fragile shingle landscapes of national scientific importance.

Together, these places preserve the heritage, wildlife and identity of Felixstowe. Discover the past. Explore the coastline. Support what matters.



Felixstowe Fairtrade Forum



In the last issue of the Town Council magazine we said that our mascot, Fairtrade Ted, would soon be joined by Fairtrade Tess, his niece. This has now come about and local children have been invited to take part in a competition to write a 'back story' for them.

Ted and Tess have both been active around the town, promoting Fairtrade.

In a collaboration with the Felixstowe Community Nature Reserve they have also been photographed in various sites around Felixstowe important to nature – including Abbey Grove, Colneis School wildlife area and Gulpher Pond. Both organisations have an interest in promoting nature and biodiversity and campaigning for climate justice. You can catch up with the adventures of Ted and Tess by visiting our Facebook page.

We are planning a joint 'float' at this year's carnival in July with the Community Nature Reserve.

If you are a local voluntary organisation and would like to explore a relationship with us, please contact secretary@felixstowe-fairtrade.org.uk

The theme of this year's Fairtrade Fortnight, starting on 22 September, is "Do it Fair – for People for Planet and for Fair Pay. We plan to hold another Family Fun Day at the library on Saturday 3 October

Felixstowe Family History Society



Since the Spring edition, members of the Felixstowe Family History Society have enjoyed a varied programme of talks and events. Highlights included presentations on the Suffolk Women's Land Army Trust and The Landguard Trust, together with our popular quiz and social evening, which was very well attended.

Unfortunately, Chris Broom was unable to give his planned May talk on Joshua Chard, "The Suffolk Hero", though we hope to welcome him in the future. Our Chair, Sammie, kindly stepped in with her fascinating presentation, "Ink on a Page, Lives Lived in Full: The Stories Behind the Begats", drawing on her extensive genealogical research experience.

Dates for your diary

8 July 2026
Philip Young presents "Who Designed the Dolphin Lights on the Thames Embankment?", featuring three generations of Victorian London model makers and sculptors, illustrated with photographs and stories from their many projects.

31 July 2026
Drop-in support session at Broadway House, 10.15am-12 noon, with Gail, Rachel and possibly Sammie available to help members and visitors.

There is no meeting in August. We return on 9 September 2026 for our AGM, followed by a speaker yet to be announced. Further details can be found at Felixstowe Family History Society Events and on Facebook.

Felixstowe Royal Air Force Air Cadets Are Recruiting!



356 (Felixstowe) Squadron RAF Air Cadets offers an exciting, wide

ranging programme of activities and training for young people. From flying and gliding to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, adventure training, sport, fieldcraft, archery, parade drill, RAF station visits, leadership training, STEM, radio & cyberspace training, and first aid qualifications, our Cadets experience it all. Cadets also work towards BTEC qualifications in a range of subjects — with even more opportunities available as they progress. Beyond weekly training, we take part in courses, competitions and week-long camps throughout the year — locally, nationally and even internationally.

All residential activities are designed to offer an exciting variety of experiences, suitable for Cadets of all ages and ability levels. We parade every Monday and



Wednesday from 19:00-21:30 at our Squadron HQ. Evenings include training, activities, and briefings on events and opportunities in Felixstowe and beyond. Membership costs just £15 per month. Come and see what we're about!

Our Recruitment Evening is on Wednesday 9th September at 18:45 at our Squadron HQ (address below, this is not the Drill Hall on Garrison Lane). Potential recruits are warmly invited to attend with parents or guardians. On the evening, you'll be able to see Air Cadets in action, with archery, flight simulator sessions, leadership tasks and more. To sign up, please email 356@rafac.mod.gov.uk



If you are in school year 7 now, you can sign up!

356 (Felixstowe) Sqn HQ Aadal Close off Carr Road, Felixstowe, Suffolk, IP11 3RX, What3Words: spacing.nicer.shops



FELIXSTOWE TOWN COUNCIL

Taking action in the

CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Working together for a greener, healthier Felixstowe

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Green grants support local projects and lower-carbon ideas.	Support for community growing and school gardens.	Electric van used wherever practical.	Most garden tools replaced with battery-powered equipment.
<p>5</p> 	<p>6</p> 	<p>7</p> 	<p>8</p> 
Council composting supports greener gardening.	Single-use plastic policy used at events.	Greener travel encouraged through cycling, car-sharing and online meetings.	Wildlife-friendly planting, rewilding and reduced use of herbicides.



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Our Environment

Edible Felixstowe



We have another busy growing season ahead! Having spent the winter and spring finishing off our Community Orchard venture for this year (we have planted 37 fruit trees and 13 fruit bushes in and around the town - see ediblefelixstowe.org/our-community-orchard-project-2026/ for more details) we are now into this year's growing season and our volunteers are getting started on planting

vegetables and herbs at the triangle, library, Hamilton Road and the Station. As usual the weather in spring has been temperamental, meaning that we have had a lot of watering to do already and the current cold wind is delaying us in planting out until we can be sure the seedlings can survive. We are meeting on Tuesday mornings and Thursday late afternoon most weeks. If you would like to join us please get in touch to be added to our Whats App group.

The Edible Classroom

We have secured another grant, part of which is to promote what we are doing in Felixstowe to interested parties in the local area (Suffolk) and we are holding 3 day courses towards the end of July to try and get other communities doing something similar to what we have set up in our town. The day will include a tour of our sites, practical advice on finding land, how to become an entity, designing your site among other useful information plus a delicious free lunch.



Please let friends and family in other parts of the county that we are running this - full information can be found here:

ediblefelixstowe.org/upcoming-events/

Save the date

Our annual free celebration of local produce, products and food producers will be on Saturday October 3rd. Put it in your diaries now!!

Details to follow but if you are interested in having a stall at this popular event please get in touch via our contact form: ediblefelixstowe.org/contact-us/

Felixstowe Allotment Association



The dry spring continues with many on their allotments wondering if it's to be a drought year. The five sites across town have the benefit of water but using it in quantity takes time and effort and is increasingly more expensive. We see many fields around Felixstowe being irrigated by the farmers who are using either their storage ponds or costly bore holes.

Most allotment plots are being worked, Easter heralds the start for many of the growing campaign. The allotment association has over 330 members, we have had a busy winter preparing the land and also are now commencing our summer social held on the largest site at Cowpasture off Candlet Road.

As chair of the association I find I'm chatting to members young and old (several over 90 years) about all things allotment. We have a wide diverse membership with some growing crops from their native countries that I've never heard of. With these new crops come new recipes and to date all those tried have enhanced and improved my diet and encourage me to "try something different"

The allotment tenants are encouraged to follow the tenancy agreement drafted by the council. The new policy about the use of incinerators and when fires can be set is actively being promoted by the association. Summer fires can't happen but for the winter months fires can be set in the first week of those winter months, but only in the first week.

If you wish to obtain an allotment then please do contact the Town council who will be happy to discuss the arrangements with you.

Felixstowe Garden Club



Well, we seem to have gone from one extreme to another don't we? First so much rain that we couldn't get out in the garden, to so very little rain that my water butts are nearly empty! I'm, sorry to say, having to use the hose to keep all my plants alive!

For our meeting on the 9th of June, we welcome Dr Steven Dowbiggen OBE who will be sharing with us the history of Capel Manor College, a horticultural college in Enfield, North London.

We have our Flower and Produce Annual Show on Saturday 27th June also at OFCA. Please come and support us and all we do in the delight of growing and showing our produce and flowers in our various competition entries. With free entry to view exhibits from 11.30am - 4pm. Plant sales from Katies Garden 10.30am - 4pm. Homemade refreshments all day and the Grand Draw at 4pm. Lots going on so come and join in!

A heads up on our meeting on July 14th will see Marian and Chris Stephens from the British Beekeepers Association talking about Bees, Flowers, and Honey. A fascinating subject and I'm sure we will learn loads.

Our August 11th meeting, we will welcome Gregory Veness from The Front Gardeners, enlightening us on Successional Planting.

We meet in the Old Felixstowe Community Association building (OFCA) Ferry Road, IP11 9NB on the second Tuesday of every month, unless otherwise advised. Visitors are very welcome to attend for a small fee of £3 which will be refunded should you decide to join. Free refreshments available from 6.30pm, meeting starts proper at 7pm.

Hope to see you there!

For more details contact Val White 07858464932 or on our Facebook page.



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Reimagine This Coastal Town - Free Arts Adventures for all in Felixstowe

Furtherfield



Creative Contributors from the Felixstowe Co-Creation Workshop in April - Photo by Elly Clarke

Where humans and other species meet, connect and create together!

Come along for chats, workshops, meetups, and Live Action Role Plays (LARPs) - exploring new ways to see, be, and belong with other life-forms on our coast.

Reimagine This Coastal Town is co-created with young adults from the town, and sparks imagination, creativity, and real intergenerational connection through its events, activities and workshops.

Furtherfield invites you to try something different this Summer. For instance you could join a Felixstowe LARP!

What if you could travel 50 years into the future... and help shape it?

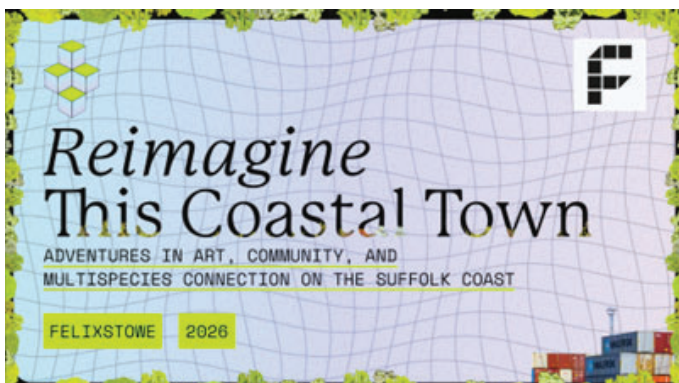
In these live, immersive experiences we step into a future of the town where nature, people, and all life thrive together. In a LARP you simply step into the shoes of a character – a young dreamer, a wise elder, a curious visitor – and improvise with others. Think of it as making up a story together, with a mission: to build a positive future for our town. See Felixstowe with fresh eyes, and meet new people in a fun, relaxed way. Help imagine a future where everyone and everything is cared for.



Four sessions of fun, imagination, and community. Choose your date, bring your curiosity, and help write Felixstowe's next chapter!

Dates: 4 July, 11 July, 8 August, 22 August
Book online at reimaginethis.life

Led by Furtherfield, a Felixstowe-based arts organisation, with decades of experience in participatory art and digital culture, this project brings people, communities, creatures, and places together.



Feeling the Pressure of Rising Energy Costs? Local Support Is Available



As energy prices remain uncertain and global markets continue to influence what we pay at home, many households across Felixstowe are looking for realistic ways to stay warm without overspending.

That's where local support can make a real difference.

The Deben Climate Centre is expanding its community energy programme, offering residents practical, independent guidance on how to improve home efficiency and reduce energy costs. The focus is not on expensive upgrades, but on clear, manageable steps that can make an immediate impact.

From understanding which changes give the best results, to navigating grants and funding opportunities, support is tailored to each household. For those considering bigger changes, such as solar panels or low-carbon heating, there is also help in understanding what options might realistically work for their home.

Local drop-in sessions provide an easy way to start the conversation. Residents can speak directly with trained Energy Champions at Felixstowe Library on Tuesdays from 10:00am to 2:00pm, or at the Wellbeing Hub on Thursdays between 10:00am and 1:00pm.

For those who would benefit from more in-depth support, home visits are also available, offering tailored advice based on individual homes.

With over 500 residents already supported in the area, the programme continues to grow — helping more households feel confident about managing their energy use in a changing landscape.

More information, including how to get in touch, is available via the Deben Climate Centre website.

Wellbeing Hub, Great Eastern Square, Felixstowe, IP117DY

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Arts and Music

Felixstowe Art Group

Our AGM was a full house as we officially changed Chairperson from Yvonne Smart too Jim Lait and our President from Carole Massey to Teresa Seals. We are very happy that our exhibition this year will go ahead as planned thanks to Jim and Gillian Lait who have very kindly agreed to facilitate and manager the event for this year. We also held our poster competition for the Annual Exhibition promotion material.



We really hope the community will visit and support the Felixstowe Art Group Annual Exhibition. It is our most prominent event where members can showcase and sell their work. We show a wide range of high-quality work with a mix that covers everyone's preference plus a selection of cards which are images of members art works. The event is free to visit although donations are always welcome. The exhibition opens on Wednesday 5th August and runs until Saturday 8th August, opening 10am-6pm each

day except Saturday when we close at 5pm. Held at the Trinity Methodist Church on Orwell road, Felixstowe.

Please take this opportunity where artist will be on hand, to discuss the groups' role and the benefits of joining our membership. You can also attend many of our Tuesday evening events open to visitors held at Broadway House to get a taster of what's on offer before committing, membership still remains at an affordable £20 per annum.

For further information please visit www.felixstoweartgroup.org



Art on the Prom 2026



For 20 years, Art on the Prom has brought creativity, community and commerce together on the Suffolk coast and this year should be no exception. The much-loved Felixstowe event is set to return on September 6, but organisers are now appealing for vital sponsorship support to help secure its future.

Backed annually by the Town Council and East Suffolk Council, the event has also long depended on private sponsors and participating artists. This year, however, a key sponsor has yet to be found. Businesses are being urged to step forward and support an occasion that attracts around 10,000 visitors in a single day, offering valuable public exposure while helping sustain one of Suffolk's best-known community arts events.

Organisers are also calling on artists and food traders to register early and spread the word. Subsidised pitches help make the event possible, and interest is particularly welcome from anyone creating artisan items, arts or crafts and any coffee and lunch vendors.

Anyone interested in sponsoring or trading at the event can contact felixstowearontheartprom@gmail.com for further information.

The Magic of Felixstowe: Felixstowe Harmonies launches 2026 with totally original song and everyone can join in!

Felixstowe
HARMONIES



Female vocal group Felixstowe Harmonies are inviting you to share an exciting summer season of song with the release of a new song, written specially for Felixstowe, and two major music events in June and July. The choir has launched their latest track, The Magic of Felixstowe, with a dedicated page on their website – watch it at www.felixstoweharmonies.co.uk/the-magic-of-felixstowe and on YouTube.

The song – and video – celebrates all the great things about life in the seaside town, with words contributed by choir members, set to music by Felixstowe Harmonies musical director Chandra Grover. The Magic of Felixstowe is a song to share, and it is hoped it will become a popular anthem which can be sung at celebrations and events. Already other choirs and local schools are showing interest in learning and performing the song.

The Magic of Felixstowe was in the programme on June 6, when the choir joined acclaimed professional quartet Quattro Amici for an unforgettable concert blending the timeless beauty of light classics with the energy and excitement of pop and the drama of musical theatre. One Choir, One Quartet, One Unforgettable Night of Music is at St Peter's by the Waterfront in Ipswich.

The four talented singers who make up Quattro Amici - Natasha Bennet (soprano), Fiona Morris (alto), Gerry Bremner (tenor) and Howard Brooks (bass) - performed songs from their eclectic classical and contemporary repertoire, accompanied on the piano by the inimitable Joe Richardson.



Felixstowe Harmonies performed songs from their wide repertoire including choir favourites and several exciting new pieces. Audiences sat back and enjoyed everything from Barbie to Elbow, and Seal to Snow Patrol.

On July 5, Felixstowe Harmonies will be performing at Ipswich Music Day on one of the

Ipswich Arts Association stages (venue to be confirmed).

Come and enjoy a free live performance as part of this great annual event in Ipswich's cultural calendar.

For more information and tickets: felixstoweharmonies.co.uk
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- FRI 05 **MAT** 2:30PM Neil Sands' Remember When
- SUN 14 **EVE** 7:30PM T-Rextasy
- SAT 27 **EVE** 7:30PM Roy Chubby Brown (18+)

JULY

- FRI 03 **EVE** 7:30PM JOOLS HOLLAND
- SAT 04 **EVE** 7:30PM Hitmakers of the 60's
- SAT 11 **EVE** 7:30PM The Temple Brothers' Everlys & Friends
- SAT 18 **EVE** 7:30PM So True – 80's Party Night

AUG

- SAT 01 **EVE** 7:30PM Marshall King's 'Showtime'
- SAT 15 **EVE** 7:30PM Forever Clapton
- SUN 16 **EVE** 7:30PM Legends of the 60's

SEP

- FRI 04 **EVE** 7:30PM Jim Davidson (18+)
- SAT 05 **EVE** 7:30PM David Live: Bowie Tribute
- SUN 06 **MAT** 2:30PM Neil Sands' Thanks For the Memories
- FRI 11 **EVE** 7:30PM Ben Portsmouth: This is Elvis
- SAT 12 **EVE** 7:30PM Dreams of Fleetwood Mac
- FRI 18 **EVE** 7:30PM Heart Breakers - Tribute to Heart
- SAT 19 **EVE** 7:30PM The Bon Jovi Experience
- FRI 25 **EVE** 7:30PM Ryan Elliot: UK #1 Olly Murs Tribute
- SAT 26 **EVE** 7:30PM September - Earth Wind & Fire Tribute

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SAT 3 OCT, '26 - 7:30PM



Health and Wellbeing



St Philip's Community Hub

The year has flown by, and we were delighted to be chosen as one of The Mayors Charities. The Fashion Show was a spectacular event showcasing summer fashion available in Felixstowe and mini pop ups of many businesses and sponsors of the evening. Thank you to everyone that made it a huge success.



The Mayors May Ball was held at Sea You on a beautiful sunny evening and saw a packed room of friends and supporters of Corrinne celebrating her year and her and her family's tremendous hard work. It was lovely to get dressed up and have someone else waiting on us for a change!



This year has raised money for our Pop-Up Shop and Thursday Drop In however most importantly it has been an opportunity to raise awareness of

Who we are, Where we are and What we do! The St Philip's Community Hub welcomes all on Tuesday its The Pop-Up Shop- no referral needed £3 per bag. We open at 10am for a cuppa with the shop opening at 11am-12. Walton Parish Nurses visit every other week. Help and support is always on offer.

Hub on Thursday opens at 10am-1.30pm come along enjoy company and a cuppa, delicious cakes and pastries with lunch served at midday. No payment is taken however donations are always welcome. We have a craft table or bring along your own knitting, crochet, painting etc. Walton Parish Nurses are in attendance. On both days support is available from Carolyn with benefit applications, bus passes, blue badge, form filling and anything keeping you awake at night. We can also signpost you to further help.

Helpline number 07394177634

The year has been very busy for all our wonderful volunteers helping those in need in our community. Why not pop in and say hello we would love to see you.

Tools With a Mission

Giving communities tools to build a future for themselves.

Tools With A Mission is a UK-based charity that collects old tools, refurbishes them, packs them into tool kits, and sends them to communities in need. Over 50 livelihoods a day across the world are created by their mission.



Last year, TWAM sent over 18,000 tools and toolkits to Africa, supporting over 2000 different causes across six countries. Many of the groups that they send tools to have experienced great hardship. A mother who is trained in tailoring, such as Frieda (pictured), is able to earn enough money to send her children to school and break the cycle of poverty.

But it is not just overseas that their work is felt! In the UK, their work is enabled by over 550 volunteers – a close-knit and inclusive community of diverse roles and ages. Although TWAM's head office is in Ipswich, they have a truly national reach, with a second refurbishment centre in Rugby as well as numerous local groups and independent workshops across the country run by volunteers. Together, they help TWAM save over 1,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions every single year by refurbishing tools and preventing them from ending up in landfills.



Whether by donating funds, giving tools, or volunteering, there are many ways you can support TWAM. More information - including details of what tools we send - can be found at www.twam.uk, or on TWAM's Facebook page www.facebook.com/toolswithamission

If you wish to support TWAM, or have tools to donate, please call the Ipswich office on 01473 210220 to find your nearest TWAM collector.

Felixstowe Lions Club

The past few months have been incredibly active and rewarding for the local Lions, one of the standout highlights was the ever-popular Pig Race Night, which proved to be a tremendous success, raising an impressive £3,166.00. The event brought together members of the community for an evening of fun and friendly competition, all in support of local causes.

In addition, they organised an Easter Egg Raffle, hosted across several local pubs and cafés. Thanks to the generosity of businesses and residents alike, the raffle raised a fantastic £1,235.82, helping to further support the club's charitable work.

Also hosted the Model Truck Festival, contributing to the vibrant community atmosphere while raising £390.00. Events like these not only generate vital funds but also help raise awareness of the Lions' ongoing service efforts.

Beyond fundraising, they have continued their commitment to engaging with young people in the community. Recently, they completed their Christmas Light Design Competition, inviting local schools to take part. The Lions extend their sincere thanks to all the children who participated. It was no easy task to select a winner from such a high standard of entries. We

are delighted to announce that the winning design came from Trimley St Mary's School, with Molly Gemmell's festive creation chosen as the overall winner.

Looking ahead, the Lions have an exciting calendar of upcoming events:

- Suffolk Day in Kirton – 20th June
- Trimley Summer Fete – 4th July
- Steam Rally – 11th October
- Christmas Light Up Day – 28th November

More details will be released in due course. For more information about the Felixstowe Lions Club or to get involved, visit felixstowelions.org.uk





30-year anniversary for Felixstowe Coastwatch

The 26th April this year was a special day for Felixstowe Coastwatch (NCI), as it was exactly 30 years to the day since the operation moved into its permanent home in the lookout on top of Martello Tower P on Wireless Green. Prior to this it had had a couple of temporary homes since 1994. Much has changed since the early days, especially in terms of equipment and expertise, but what has remained constant is the dedication of the volunteer watchkeepers.

HM Coastguard built the first lookout cabin on the top of Martello Tower P in 1934. The current lookout building was constructed in 1979. HM Coastguard closed this operation in 1994 and on the 26th April 1996 Coastwatch moved in. The lookout station has provided



assistance hundreds of times since then. For example, since 2015 there have been over 170 varied incidents including helping swimmers, paddleboarders, windsurfers, yachts and boats as well as navigational dangers such as objects in the water.

There have been many notable events over the 30 years, ranging from highs like from the honour of a royal visit in 2023 by HRH The Princess Royal to lows such as the lookout being without mains water supply for six months, meaning that watchkeepers had to carry large canisters of water up the many stairs every day!



The station is always keen to welcome new recruits so if you'd like to learn more about being a volunteer watchkeeper please contact the Station Manager at (felixstowe@nci.org.uk) or the Station Secretary (neil.davidson@nci.org.uk).



U3a East Suffolk – Felixstowe Branch



The Felixstowe Branch of u3a East Suffolk meets between October and June, on the first Thursday of each month, in the Salvation Army Hall, Cobbold Road. Free tea, coffee and biscuits!

Everyone is welcome to 'try one meeting before you buy'. Our membership year runs from 1 July to 30 June and the annual subscription is £17.50. By joining, you can take part in groups from petanque and scrabble to Spanish conversation, Sunday lunches and afternoon teas!

Forthcoming topics for the monthly meetings are:

4th June: Charles Wright and Brian Nichols:
The Pirate Radio revolution of the 1960's

1st October: Felixstowe Men's Shed
5th November: Jim Jarvie, former HM Customs investigator

For further information, contact Michael Scott Felixstowe Speaker Meeting Coordinator 07498 875778



Rotary Club of Felixstowe Charity Beer & Cider Festival

The Rotary Club of Felixstowe is holding the first Charity Beer & Cider Festival from 10th to 12th July 2026 at The Orwell Hotel. For more information and to book tickets please visit <https://www.felixstowebeerandciderfestival.com/> or use the QR code below.

The Rotary Club of Felixstowe is well known for its established fundraising activities, and for the donations made to individuals and charities locally, nationally and internationally. The Charity Beer & Cider Festival is the latest addition to these fundraising activities which will specifically raise funds for charities benefiting children locally.

Running in the Elizabeth Suite at The Orwell Hotel opening times will be 16:00 to 22:00 Friday 10th, 12:00 to 22:00 Saturday 11th and 12:00 to 20:00 Sunday 12th.

The event will boast 30 quality real ales and 10 fruity ciders, plus a full bar service to cater for all tastes. This will be complimented by a varied menu of festival street food devised and prepared by the hotels own catering team.

Live music will be provided by J S & The Lockerbillies Friday evening, BearFootSoul Saturday evening and The Preservatives Sunday evening, and by The Brawlers on both Saturday and Sunday early afternoons – so bring your dancing shoes!

We're very grateful for the generous support and sponsorship from local businesses, particularly CP Transport who are the main event sponsor.



To see all the sponsors, learn more about the event, beers & ciders, food, music and to book tickets please visit <https://www.felixstowebeerandciderfestival.com/> or use the QR code.



Felixstowe Master Mariners Club



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The Club were able to give financial support to eleven different local maritime charities, thanks to the additional funds raised by Members donations, Members annual subs and the generosity of Members supporting the monthly lunch raffles.

The recipients this year were Care Ashore, RNLI Harwich, TS Landguard Sea Cadets, East Coast Sailing Trust, 1st Felixstowe Sea Scouts, The Shipwrecked Mariners' Society, Ocean Youth Trust, QVSR Seafarers Centre Felixstowe, Ipswich Sea Cadets, National Coast Watch, Felixstowe and The East Anglian Sailing Trust.

The 23rd January Lunch was a very interesting talk by long standing Member, Mr. Peter Taylor's son Paul, about Suffolk wildlife and specifically the wildlife recoded by Paul in his garden. There were some wonderful pictures and video of all manner of animals captured by Paul's cameras dotted around his land. The February Lunch was an interesting presentation by Mr. Peter Briggs R.N. about submarine accidents.

Luncheons are held on the third Tuesday of each month at Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club and Members generally meet at 1200 hrs, sit down for lunch at 1300 hrs and after each of these lunches there is always a talk from an invited speaker, which as mentioned above is not always nautical in content. The event is generally finish by 1500 hrs.

As also mentioned additional proceeds accumulated from the Lunches go to local nautical charities, at the end of each year. The variety of talks given each month at The Lunches keep all Members entertained and informed and fosters professional comradeship among Master Mariners, those involved in The Global Maritime Trade or just those having an interest in all things nautical.

New Members are always welcome and Membership details and further information can be obtained from the FMMC web page www.mastermariners.uk/index.html



Active Felixstowe

Mr Cobbler Sports Awards

At the Annual Mr Cobbler Sports Awards Evening organised by Felixstowe and District Council for Sport and Recreation and held at Felixstowe Town Hall, the following sports awards were presented by the Mayor of Felixstowe

Nick Barber Auctions - Sports Personality of the Year 2025

Charlie Beeton
Felixstowe and Suffolk Bowls Club

Underwood Hardware - Junior Sports Personality of the Year 2025

Frankie Anderson
Felixstowe Swimming Club

Scarborows Opticians Team of the Year 2025

Felixstowe and Walton United Football Club First Team

Eastcliff Carpets Club Official of the Year 2025

Jilly Hillyard
Felixstowe Hockey Club

Walton Barbers Service to Sport The Stan Cox Memorial Trophy 2025

Nicky Hughes
Felixstowe Swimming Club

Wainwrights Progress in Junior Sport The Malcolm Minns Memorial Trophy 2025

Samad Omotosho

Felixstowe Swimming Club Certificate of Achievement

Trimley Red Devils Football Club First Team

Ferry Sailing Club

Set on the stunning River Deben, Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club offers an accessible, friendly pathway into sailing for all ages and abilities. Whether you're a complete beginner or looking to sharpen your skills, the club's RYA-approved training centre delivers high-quality, hands-on learning in both sheltered river waters and the open sea.



Getting started couldn't be easier. Taster sessions provide a relaxed introduction to sailing, while structured RYA courses take you from your first time on the water through to confident, independent sailing. For those looking to progress further, advanced courses cover everything from performance sailing to racing skills—helping you build confidence, technique and enjoyment at every stage.

The club prides itself on its inclusive and supportive community. Initiatives like Women on Water create a welcoming, no-pressure environment where women can develop skills, build confidence and connect with others on the water. Combined with a thriving youth programme and active adult membership, there's a strong sense of camaraderie both on and off the water.

Beyond training, membership unlocks a full sailing lifestyle—regular racing, cruising adventures, social events and access to excellent clubhouse facilities. With opportunities to hire club boats and sail year-round, it's a place where skills quickly turn into lifelong passion.

If you've ever thought about trying sailing, now is the perfect time. Join Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club and discover just how easy it is to get afloat. www.ffsc.co.uk for more information.

Felixstowe's South Seafront Celebrates Seventh Consecutive Blue Flag Award

Felixstowe's South Seafront has once again been recognised for its outstanding quality after receiving the prestigious Blue Flag Award for 2026 – marking the seventh consecutive year the town's popular coastline has achieved the internationally recognised accolade.



The Blue Flag Award is presented annually to beaches that meet rigorous standards relating to water quality, environmental management, safety, cleanliness and visitor facilities. Achieving the award for a seventh successive year highlights Felixstowe's continued commitment to maintaining a high-quality coastal environment for residents and visitors alike.

The Mayor of Felixstowe said: "Receiving the Blue Flag Award for Felixstowe's South Seafront for the seventh consecutive year is a tremendous achievement and something our whole community can be incredibly proud of.

This success is only possible thanks to the dedication and hard work of so many people, including East Suffolk Council, our partners, local businesses, community groups, volunteers and residents who all play a part in caring for our coastline and helping Felixstowe remain one of the country's finest seaside destinations."

The award recognises the ongoing efforts made to protect and enhance Felixstowe's coastline while ensuring the seafront remains an attractive, safe and welcoming destination throughout the year.



School News

Langer Primary Academy

Our pupils have had a super busy half term - here are a few of the highlights



Our Gardening Club enjoyed a visit to Coniston House Residential Home, where pupils helped residents plant

seeds for their garden. This was another wonderful example of Langer pupils showing care and kindness towards the community in which they live.

We were delighted to hang our flag for the Felixstowe Save Our Swifts group. Our new swift boxes are ready, the call system has been twittering away between 4-6pm most evenings, and Langer is prepared to welcome the swifts back following their long journey from central Africa. This work forms part of a wider project with Suffolk Wildlife Trust to help increase swift numbers after a significant decline over the past 20 years.



Pupils Shine on Suffolk Sounds Radio

Last Wednesday afternoon, three of our lucky pupils were invited down to the Suffolk Sounds radio station for a very special experience – and they made us incredibly proud. During their visit, they spoke confidently and thoughtfully about Sir David Attenborough’s upcoming 100th birthday on 8th May, what we as a school are doing to celebrate and sharing why he is such an important and inspiring figure.

From the moment they arrived, they represented the school brilliantly, showing confidence, enthusiasm and impeccable behaviour. Our pupils impressed everyone they met with their positive attitudes and maturity,

making it a truly memorable afternoon. We are extremely proud of how amazing they were and how wonderfully they represented our whole school community.

Special David Attenborough Assembly

On Thursday, we enjoyed a very special David Attenborough-themed assembly, kindly led by the wonderful Debbie Bartlett from Litter Free Felixstowe, to celebrate Sir David Attenborough’s 100th birthday on 8th May. The children learned all about his incredible work protecting the natural world and took part in fun quizzes and activities that inspired everyone to think about caring for our planet. A big thank you to Debbie for a fascinating and engaging assembly!



Level Two Youth Project

Just an update on our exciting news... we are expanding our offer to Beach Street. This is testament to the amazing work of Level Two Youth Project & the increasing demand for our services.

Rationale for the Project

To create a youth & community safe space at Beach Street in Felixstowe. A space where we can offer:

- Creative diversionary activities, channelling Young People’s energies into more positive choices.
- Opportunities to increase skill levels, enhance career options, raise aspirations & self-worth.
- 1-1 meeting space for Mentoring & Counselling, or office space at a ground floor level.
- A Community space for partnership working with others.
- Digital, Media & Music opportunities.

This has been positively received by young people & the wider Community. We currently don’t have a youth

& community space that end of Felixstowe we & feel this would be a great opportunity for us as a youth project to be able to make this happen.

The Plan

Our Youth & Community Hub will be on ground & first floor level, with a lift & staircase to ensure accessibility for all. The conversion of the ground floor will offer a small meeting room, a larger open space, a WC & kitchenette. The first-floor space will provide Music & Media opportunities; helping young people develop creativity, self-expression, & social skills. We will be introducing DJ’ing, video / film making facilities & other Youth Voice led opportunities for young people & the wider community of Felixstowe.

If you would like to help in anyway, particularly with our Biodiverse garden area which will be next to our Containers, please do get in touch with Shez shezhopkins@leveltwo.org

Fairfield and Colneis



The Federation of Fairfield and Colneis



At Fairfield and Colneis, we are incredibly proud of the many opportunities our children enjoy both inside and beyond the classroom. As schools at the heart of the Felixstowe community, we believe that memorable experiences help children develop confidence, curiosity and a lifelong love of learning.

Outdoor learning continues to be a real strength across our Federation. From planting trees and growing vegetables to exploring local habitats and learning about the environment, children benefit from hands-on experiences that bring learning to life. We are particularly grateful for the work of Mrs Churchyard, our Outdoor Learning Lead at Colneis, whose enthusiasm and expertise help make these opportunities possible.

We are also proud of the strong links we have with the wider Felixstowe community. This year, a group of children had the privilege of attending celebrations marking Sir David Attenborough’s 100th birthday, organised by local environmental champion Debbie Bartlett. It was a fantastic community event to be part of.

Whether taking part in community events, sporting competitions, educational visits or outdoor learning activities, our pupils continue to impress us with their enthusiasm, kindness and willingness to embrace new experiences. They are wonderful ambassadors for our schools and for Felixstowe, and we look forward to providing many more opportunities for them in the future.



Your community stories

Felixstowe Library - What's on Offer?

Top Time - Every Tuesday - 2pm in The Hadwen Room
Come along to our social group for older people and join in with our activities. Get involved with games and chat with others in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

Stay and Play - Every Thursday 10.15am - 11.45am Children's section
Stay & Play groups for parents and babies. Socialise and meet other parents and carers at our Stay & Play sessions for preschool children and their adults.

Open Space - Every Thursday - 2pm in The Hadwen Room
If you're looking to meet new people and find out about local events and resources to support your wellbeing, come to an Open Space drop-in. Everyone is welcome.

Wordplay and Tot Rock - Every Friday 9.10am & 10.10am sessions - Children's section
Story time and nursery rhyme fun for preschoolers.

Baby Bounce - Every Friday 11.10am - Children's section
Age 0-1yrs - meet new parents and enjoy songs and sensory activities with your baby.

Lego Club - Every Saturday 10-3pm - in The Hadwen Room
Join us for our weekly Lego Club! Get involved in fun creative building activities in the welcoming space of the library. Let your imagination run wild and create something unique!

Sunday Funday - 2nd Sunday of the Month 10.30am-2.30pm
Fun crafts and activities in the Children's section. A different theme each month.

Barclays Bank - each week on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am-5pm.
Help with anything from money management and financial health, to buying or improving your home and supporting your business.

Halifax - fortnightly - Wednesdays 9am - 3pm. 24th June, 8th July, 15th July, 29th July, 12th August and 26th August

East Suffolk Council - Every Friday - 10am-4pm
A drop-in service run by the council to help and support any ESC queries including a Digital Champions drop in advice sessions for people to access online services.



Friends of Felixstowe Library has kindly donated the funds to allow us to purchase a camera which will be installed in a new Swift Box which has kindly been donated by the RSPB.

Once the camera has been connected* then the Swift Box with be mounted on the wall outside the Library. We will then be able to view any activity on the TV in the Hadwen room.

* The connection looks a bit complicated, so anyone with this expertise who would be willing to help give us a shout!

Another Swift related purchase was a supply of beads. If this seems like a strange purchase, all will be revealed when we run a competition during

Swift Week
Saturday 27th June to Sunday 5th July.

Opening Hours:
Monday 10am - 4pm
Tuesday 9am - 5.30pm
Wednesday 9am - 7.30pm
Thursday 9am - 5.30pm
Friday 9am - 5.30pm
Saturday 9am - 5pm
Sunday 10am-4pm

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www.suffolkcommunitylibraries.co.uk/libraries/felixstowe

Email:
library.help@suffolk.gov.uk

Bawdsey Radar Museum



Summer sees a peak of activities at the block. The Museum is open as usual every Thursday, Sunday and Bank Holidays. During the school summer holidays we will be running our popular Spy Trail – a training school for young would-be spies!

Amateur radio station GB2BRS (Bawdsey Radar Station) will be operational on 18th June, 19th July and 30th August and there will be an opportunity to safely look at the Sun with specialist equipment operated by members of the Orwell Astronomical Society on Monday 31st August. The 1940s style café will also pop-up on selected dates.

We will be running our award winning virtual reality “climb the 360 feet transmitter tower” on some dates throughout the summer, including on 26th July. This is an opportunity to experience what everyone stationed at RAF Bawdsey had to go through. Check our website for dates.

The second series of our podcasts “Echoes of Bawdsey – The Story of Radar” will also be rolling out over the summer. Available on our website and most audio streaming sources.

Further details of all our activities may be found on our website: www.bawdseyradar.org.uk. For more information contact info@bawdseyradar.org.uk or phone 07821 162879.



Felixstowe Town Council Appoints Mayor's Cadet for 2026/27

Felixstowe Town Council is pleased to announce the appointment of OC Branston Deakin of Felixstowe Unit 478 Sea Cadet Corps as the Mayor's Cadet for the 2026/27 civic year.

OC Branston Deakin was formally appointed during the Annual Council Meeting held on 20 May and will support the Mayor of Felixstowe, Cllr Darren Aitchison, at civic engagements and community events throughout the year.

The role of Mayor's Cadet recognises young people who demonstrate commitment, leadership and service through local uniformed organisations, while providing opportunities to take part in civic life and community events.



Mayor's Civic Awards 2026



Felixstowe Town Council is delighted to announce this year's Civic Awards winners, presented by the Mayor of Felixstowe for 2025/26, Cllr Corrine Franklin, at the Annual Town Meeting.

THE WINNERS WERE:

MAYORS AWARDS

NICKY HUGHES

For 40 years of dedicated service

as a volunteer coach and founder member of Felixstowe Swimming Club, mentoring and inspiring generations of swimmers within the Felixstowe community.

KEVIN BECKETT

For his tireless enthusiasm and leadership as Chairman of Felixstowe Hockey Club, revitalising membership and developing the Walking Hockey programme, which has introduced the sport to a wider section of the community.

ISABEL JENKINS

For her remarkable and longstanding contribution to the community through her involvement with numerous local organisations, including Mencap, the Trefoil Guild, the 123 Toddler Group, St Philip's Community Hub, Walton Church Hall, and many others.



IAN CLARKE

For his significant contribution to Felixstowe's musical community through Musical Circles, The Brawlers, Tuesday Tunes, and Round the Room music nights, alongside his varied fundraising efforts in support of local charities.

PETER FINBOW

For his extensive voluntary service through his roles with Felixstowe Old People's Welfare Association and Felixstowe Relief Charity, together with his valued support at the local Audiology Clinic.

HMS GANGES YOUTH TROPHY

RONNIE THOROLD

For demonstrating resilience and

determination in the face of adversity. Following an injury that brought a promising rugby career to an early end, Ronnie channelled his passion for the sport into coaching, becoming a respected mentor to the club's young players and, more recently, to the first team.

COMMUNITY AWARD

PITSTOP

Pitstop is an outstanding charity that embodies the very best of Felixstowe's community spirit. This year's Community Award recognises the organisation's vital support, practical assistance, and compassionate friendship provided to families across the town.

Mayor of Felixstowe Raises Progress Pride Flag to Mark Start of Pride Month



On Monday 1 June, at 10am, the Mayor of Felixstowe, Cllr Darren Aitchison, and the Mayor's Cadet, OC Branston Deakin, raised the Progress Pride Flag to mark the beginning of Pride Month in Felixstowe.



The flag raising ceremony brought together members of the community to recognise Pride Month and reaffirm Felixstowe's commitment to inclusion, equality and celebrating diversity across the town.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Mayor of Felixstowe said:

"Thank you all for joining us today as we mark the beginning of Pride Month.

Pride Month began in remembrance of the Stonewall Riots of 1969, a moment when LGBTQ+ people stood up against discrimination and demanded the right to live freely and openly. That act of courage sparked a movement for equality that continues to this day.



As we raise the Progress Pride Flag today, we are sending a simple but powerful message: everyone in our town deserves to feel safe, valued and included.

This flag represents members of our community who have too often felt unseen or unheard. It represents our LGBTQ+ neighbours, colleagues, friends and young people. By flying it, we affirm that Felixstowe is a place where people can live openly, without fear, and with pride in who they are.

As Mayor, my responsibility is to represent all residents. Today is about standing together, showing kindness and celebrating the diversity that strengthens our town."

Pride Month is celebrated annually throughout June and provides an opportunity to recognise the contributions of LGBTQ+ communities while continuing conversations around equality, inclusion and representation.



Planning and Environment Committee

Planning Applications & Local Strategy

As a statutory consultee, the Committee evaluates local planning applications to ensure that essential local knowledge, site history, and policy compliance are fully factored into the district's planning decisions.

During 2025/26, the Committee considered 165 applications. Out of the 125 outcomes determined by East Suffolk Council (ESC) during this period, the District concurred with the Town Council's recommendations on 88% of occasions (110 of 125 decisions). In the 15 instances where views differed, an ESC referral panel reviewed our technical objections before a final determination was made. The remainder of the applications processed during the year included 5 that were withdrawn by the applicants and 30 that currently await a district decision.

The New Local Plan to 2044

Following ESC's 'Call for Sites' concluding in January 2026, proposed land submissions for housing and employment are now published on an interactive map, laying early groundwork for the new Local Plan's adoption in 2029.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

In 2025, the Council set up a Working Group to evaluate whether Felixstowe should develop an independent Neighbourhood Plan, ultimately recommending a strategic deferral of the project. During its evaluation, central government announced it was withdrawing direct funding support for Neighbourhood Plans. With ESC's Local Plan Review and Local Government Reorganisation both underway, a new multi-year project with uncertain value was not considered to be a priority. Instead, Council resources are being directed toward directly lobbying and influencing the District's active review process. The door remains open to revisit a Neighbourhood Plan if planning frameworks shift.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

In 2025/26, the Council received £163,604.23 in CIL payments from local developments. Managed by the Council's CIL Working Group, these ringfenced funds are directly channelled into community spaces.

Funded This Year (£88,114.34)

- **Community & Youth:** Grant funding for Level Two Youth Project's new Digital Art Centre and a new website for the Felixstowe Charities Network.
- **Public Spaces & Heritage:** Vital drainage infrastructure grants for Landguard Fort, historic railing refurbishments at Allenby Park, and ongoing eco-upgrades at Walton Community Hall.

Approved Future Commitments

- **Sports Facilities:** Clubhouse contributions for both the Rugby Club and Felixstowe & Walton United FC (pending final planning and match-funding).
- **Infrastructure & Safety:** New Cemetery entrance gates, Cemetery extension planning, Cavendish Park play equipment upgrades (in procurement).

CIL Financial Summary

- Total CIL Funds Held: £486,244.06
- Allocated to Approved Projects: £197,645.50
- Unallocated Balance: £288,598.56

Finance and Governance Committee

Audit and Accounts

External Audit: The 2025/26 audit will be undertaken by PKF Littlejohn LLP in summer 2026. The audited accounts will be available to view from September 2026.

Internal Audit: The Finance and Governance Committee receives six-monthly Internal Audit reports. The Town Council successfully passed its Internal Audit for the 2025/26 financial year.

Earmarked Reserves: Council holds ring-fenced funds for future projects and contingencies. These reserves are reviewed at least annually to ensure appropriate provisions remain in place.

Budget & Precept Outturn

Income Outturn: 106.29% (exceeded budget estimates)

Expenditure Outturn: 97.09% (below budget estimates)

Despite increased operational costs this year, such as plant machinery hire and health and safety equipment, expenditure pressures were successfully managed and the Council has made further, proactive, long-term efficiency measures:

- **Energy Efficiencies:** The installation of solar panels, battery storage, and air-source heating at Walton Community Hall.
- **Utility Procurement:** Securing stable, long-term utility contracts to hedge against volatile energy markets.

Investing and Safeguarding Public Funds

Throughout the 2025/26 municipal year, the Council has continued to manage its financial assets with the utmost prudence and accountability. In strict compliance with our statutory Annual Investment Strategy, all treasury management decisions have systematically prioritised the Security and Liquidity of public funds over financial Yield. By maintaining robust capital controls, monitoring counterparty credit ratings quarterly, and ensuring our reserves are securely held within high-quality specified investments, we have successfully insulated public money from commercial market volatility while still generating vital investment income to support local services.

Understanding Your Council Tax

Following a period of maintaining a 0% increase, high inflation required a 5.54% adjustment to the Town Council's portion of the council tax (the precept) for 2024/25. For the 2025/26 financial year, Council agreed a modest 3.2% increase.

Council Tax Breakdown (Band D Equivalent)

- 2024/25 Annual Cost: £74.80
- 2025/26 Annual Cost: £77.19

Felixstowe Town Council's proportion is just 3.5% of your total annual council tax bill.

The remaining 96.5% is split between Suffolk County Council, East Suffolk Council, and Suffolk Constabulary.

	2024/25 Actual	2025/26 Actual	2026/27 Est
Balance at 1 April	£1,289,724	£1,328,665	£1,453,385
(of which Earmarked Reserves)	(£952,450)	(£984,068)	(£1,057,642)
Total Income	1,028,285	1,176,193	£962,902
Total Expenditure	989,332	1,051,473	£970,640
Closing Balance at 31 March	£1,328,665	£1,453,385	£1,445,647
(of which Earmarked Reserves)	(£984,068)	(£1,057,642)	(£893,635)

Going for Gold

The Council has confirmed that all criteria are in place to reapply for Quality Gold status in the Local Council Award Scheme (LCAS). Run by the National Association of Local Councils, this prestigious national framework celebrates local authorities that go above and beyond to deliver outstanding service.

Achieving the Gold standard, the highest tier of the scheme, demonstrates that a council is at the forefront of local government. To qualify, Felixstowe must prove excellence in three core areas:

- **Governance & Transparency:** Delivering robust financial

management, clear accountability, and legal excellence.

- **Community Leadership:** Actively championing local causes and engaging deeply with residents.
- **Continuous Improvement:** Demonstrating forward-thinking performance and ongoing staff and councillor development.

In 2017, Felixstowe made history as the very first town council in Suffolk to achieve Quality Gold. Reapplying ensures our policies and practices remain at the highest possible national standard, giving residents full confidence that their council is run efficiently, transparently, and effectively.

Financial Resilience & Policies

Managing Our Reserves

Careful budgeting in recent years ensures the Council's reserves offer vital protection against unforeseen variables. In March 2026, the Council reviewed and updated its Reserves Policy:

- **General Reserves:** Whilst national guidance suggests a broad range of 3–12 months of revenue expenditure, our updated policy sets a tailored, prudent target range of 3 to 6 months of Net Revenue Expenditure, reflecting our scale as a larger Town Council.
- **Earmarked Reserves:** These funds remain strictly ring-fenced for specified projects, asset maintenance (such as the Town

Hall or Cemetery), or developer contributions like Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds.

Late Payments & Debt Management

To strengthen credit control, the Committee oversaw the introduction of a new Debt Management Policy. From 1 April 2026, the Council will introduce late payment interest to invoices that remain unpaid after 90 days. For commercial tenancies and business transactions, this will be applied in accordance with the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998, while non-commercial invoices will be managed in line with the Council's updated terms and consumer guidance.

Assets and Services Committee

Civic Assets & Community Halls

Felixstowe Town Hall

The Town Hall continues to serve as a vital hub for local democracy, civic life, and community events. Key achievements this year include:

- **Preserving Our Heritage:** We undertook vital internal and external maintenance to protect the historic fabric of the building. This included essential guttering repairs to prevent water ingress and protect the structure.
- **Refurbishing the Courtroom Gallery:** The historic Courtroom Gallery was completely repainted, beautifully brightening the space for community groups and private hirers.
- **Energy & Heating Management:** The Committee proactively managed the building's heating infrastructure, resolving boiler issues and conducting efficiency assessments to ensure a comfortable environment for visitors and staff year-round.

Civic Licensing & Weddings

Following a successful inspection by the Registrar - where our rooms were showcased in their standard wedding layout - the Town Hall's wedding licence was officially renewed. Valid until June 2028, the new licence ensures the Town Hall remains one of the area's premier venues for weddings and civil ceremonies.

Walton Community Hall

Significant progress has been made to transform Walton Community Hall into a more sustainable, energy-efficient, and versatile space, heavily supported by a grant from East Suffolk Council's UKSPF Rural Business and Community Hub Fund.

As part of our commitment to local climate action and community provision, upgrades this year included:

- **Renewable Energy & Heating:** Installing rooftop solar panels, battery storage, and a modern air-source heat pump. This followed extensive pre-planning consultations to ensure the system was sympathetic to the building's historic character.
 - **Expanded Facilities:** Creating a new, small upstairs room dedicated to private meetings, allowing us to accommodate a broader range of local hirers.
 - **Digital Connectivity:** Launching free Wi-Fi access for all hall hirers and community groups.
 - **Future Proofing:** Further insulation improvements are currently underway, including the phased replacement of old single-glazed windows with modern double glazing.
- These enhancements have significantly improved the sustainability, efficiency, and comfort of Walton Community Hall, ensuring it remains a high-quality,

inviting, and modern venue for our local community.

Cemetery Extension Project

Significant progress has been made on the Cemetery Extension Project. Key steps this year included establishing a detailed budget plan, obtaining pre-planning advice and commissioning land surveys to support the layout and future development of the new section. A detailed planning application will be submitted once all the necessary surveys are completed.

To complement this expansion, several infrastructure improvements were introduced this year to enhance the visitor experience:

- **Access & Security:** Visitors can now access the cemetery by car from both Grange Road and Mill Lane during standard opening hours.
- **Pedestrian Safety:** To ensure a tranquil environment for reflection and prevent vehicles from using the cemetery as a cut-through, the middle section of the cemetery road has been pedestrianised.
- **Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour:** New gates and managed road closures on Cemetery Road have been implemented to deter anti-social behaviour while maintaining full pedestrian access.
- **A Welcoming Arrival:** As part of these ongoing infrastructure upgrades, new gates will soon be

installed at the main entrance, creating a more formal and welcoming point of arrival.

Operational & Site Upgrades

- **Greener Fleet:** The Council has replaced its aging diesel vehicle with a new Toyota Hilux Hybrid, providing a more reliable and environmentally considerate option for grounds maintenance. While our fully electric van remains the primary go-to vehicle, this new hybrid truck provides essential towing capability and operational flexibility.
- **Improved Amenities:** Upgraded facilities for visitors and staff this year included the installation of a new shower unit and automatic hand dryers in the public toilets.

Parks & Open Spaces

The Council is dedicated to providing safe, vibrant, and inviting green spaces for all residents. Over the past year, the Committee has focused on balancing high-quality, proactive maintenance with forward-thinking environmental stewardship across Felixstowe's public grounds. Ensuring our play areas and public grounds are secure and well-maintained continues to be a top operational priority.

Allotments

Our allotments continue to be a thriving cornerstone of community life in Felixstowe, actively promoting resident wellbeing, local food security, and collective environmental stewardship.

Civic and Community Committee

Annual Town Meeting & Civic Awards

The Annual Town Meeting, held each May, remains a major highlight of the municipal calendar. Unlike standard council meetings, this unique forum belongs entirely to the electors of Felixstowe. It provides an invaluable, open platform for residents to raise local topics, ask direct questions, and engage face-to-face with their councillors. The evening also doubles as a vibrant community showcase, featuring interactive stalls hosted by local voluntary groups, charities, and organisations.

The centerpiece of the evening is the presentation of Felixstowe's Civic Awards by the Mayor. These awards shine a well-deserved spotlight on the unsung heroes of our town who selflessly give their time, energy, and talents to make Felixstowe a better, kinder, and more supportive place to live.

Celebrating Our Community Champions

• **The Mayor's Award:** Recognising five individuals who have made a significant, sustained contribution to local life.

• **The HMS Ganges Youth Trophy:** Awarded to an outstanding young person (under 21) for their achievements or service to the town.

• **The Community Award:** A special award to given to a local community organisation in recognition of exceptional service.

Grants 2025/26

Felixstowe Town Council remains committed to supporting and strengthening community groups across Felixstowe, helping local organisations make a positive difference across the town. Through its Annual and Occasional Grants Scheme, the Town Council proudly supported 46 local organisations and projects during 2025/26, awarding a total of £67,018 through grant funding and community partnerships.

Examples of organisations and projects supported this year include:

- Camping equipment for the 6th Felixstowe Scout Group
- Gardening tools for the Friends of the Seafront Gardens
- Materials for the Living Wall Project – Men's Shed

Grant applications continue to provide valuable support for community initiatives, with closing dates in 2026 on 31 May, 30 September and 31 January. More information and an application form can be found at www.felixstowe.gov.uk/grants.

Felixstowe Town Council in the Carnival Procession

The Town Council continued its growing support for The Carnival with a grant of £5,000. Staff and Councillors were also delighted to join this year's Carnival procession to celebrate 40 years of Felixstowe in Flower, sharing sunflower seeds with residents and visitors

The Town Council van was transformed into a colourful float, complete with flower fairies and vibrant floral displays, helping to bring extra colour and community spirit to the celebrations.

Mayor's Cadet

2025 saw the welcome return of the Mayor's Cadet scheme. Flight Sergeant Frazer Lack, a member of the 356 (Felixstowe) Squadron Air Training Corps (ATC), was appointed at the Annual Council Meeting.

The role of the Mayor's Cadet is ceremonial, providing support to the Mayor at official civic events and representing the cadet forces at key engagements. A new cadet will be appointed each year, creating opportunities for different cadet organisations to take part and strengthening connections with young people across the community.

CCTV Provision

Felixstowe Town Council have been working in partnership with East Suffolk Council to upgrade and expand the public-space CCTV network in Felixstowe. This follows a sustained period of partnership working and formal consideration by the Town Council through its CCTV Working Group, Civic & Community Committee, and Full Council.

The approved scheme will significantly increase CCTV provision across the town, with 39 cameras now included, compared to 23 initially proposed and 15 previously in place. This expanded coverage reflects identified community safety priorities and engagement with partners. The Town Council has contributed £42,000 towards the capital cost of this project due to be delivered during June 2026 in advance of the Summer season.

Felixstowe in Flower

The Town Council's Felixstowe in Flower initiative has contributed towards civic pride in the town since 1985, 2025 marked the 40th anniversary. If you or your organisation would like to sponsor a basket or planter - or would like to enter one of our competitions - please contact the Town Hall.

The Town Council extends its sincere thanks to the Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club for its continued support in supplying non-drinking water to sustain the town's displays.

Remembrance

The Council and the Felixstowe Branch of the Royal British Legion supported several commemorative events in the town during the year, including a torch procession to mark the 80th Anniversary of VE Day.

Leading up to Armistice Day on Tuesday 11 November the road sign project in partnership with Felixstowe Remembers and local businesses saw poppies installed throughout the town and signs erected in 66 roads to recognise the 212 residents that were lost because of war. The crowds returned for the Remembrance Sunday service.

Christmas Lights Funding

The Council continued its support by providing increased annual funding of £8,000 to the Lions Club of Felixstowe for the provision of the Town Centre's Christmas lights.

UK Town of Culture 2028 - Expression of Interest

Felixstowe Town Council oversaw the development of the submission to the UK Town of Culture 2028 competition, coordinating a collaborative approach rooted in community engagement. Working closely with community groups, charities, cultural organisations, businesses, and wider stakeholders, the Council facilitated consultation activities to shape a shared vision for the town's future.

The final submission centred on the theme "Felixstowe: Where the World Arrives", exploring the paradoxes defining local identity: port, fort, and resort. It celebrated Felixstowe as a place of industry and leisure, heritage and change, local pride and global connections, reflecting its complexity, resilience, and ambition for all.

Our Environment

National Recognition: Star Council Awards

Runner-Up: 'Climate Response of the Year'

Felixstowe Town Council was incredibly proud to be named national runner-up in the Climate Response of the Year category at the prestigious Star Council Awards. Organised by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), these awards celebrate outstanding innovation and leadership among parish and town councils across England.

Being shortlisted and named runner-up at a national level is a significant honour. It highlights our sustained, practical commitment to tackling climate change and reflects Felixstowe's continued leadership in sustainability.

Driving Local Action

The Council was recognised for a wide range of green initiatives implemented across our town, including:

• **Green Fleet:** Introducing our very first fully electric operational van.

• **Energy Efficiencies:** Completing extensive energy upgrades to the historic Town Hall and Walton Community Hall.

• **Biodiversity:** Launching local tree-planting and habitat restoration projects.

• **Water Conservation:** Implementing smart water-saving schemes to sustain our floral planting.

A Parliamentary Celebration

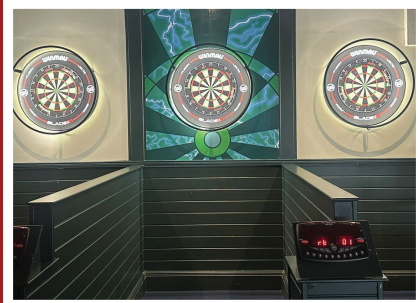
The awards ceremony took place at the House of Lords on 24 February 2026, bringing together civic leaders from across the country. The Mayor of Felixstowe attended the parliamentary reception to accept the award, celebrate the town's achievement, and share environmental best practices with fellow local authorities. **If you are passionate about the environment and want to help shape a greener, more resilient future for our town, we want to hear from you!**

FELIXSTOWE'S NO 1 SPORTS BAR

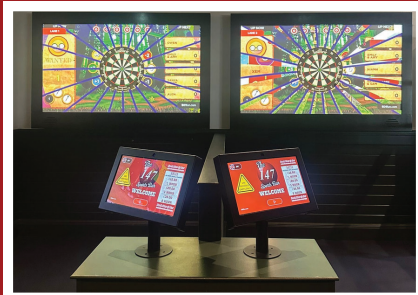


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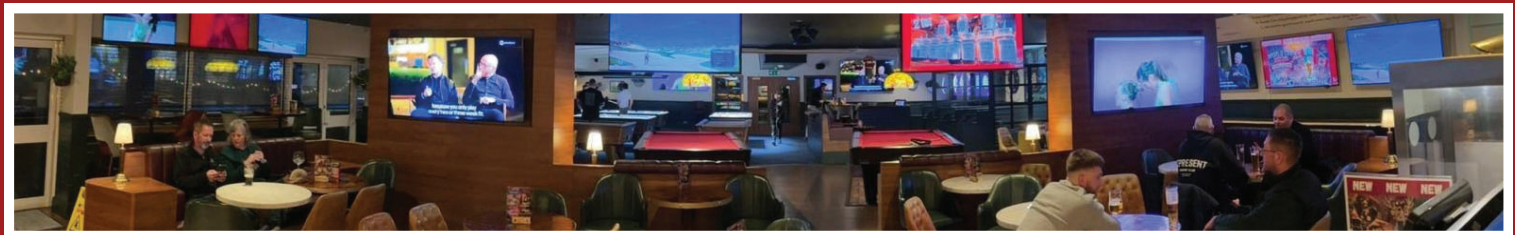
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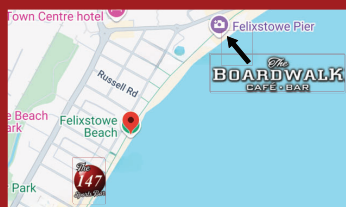
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