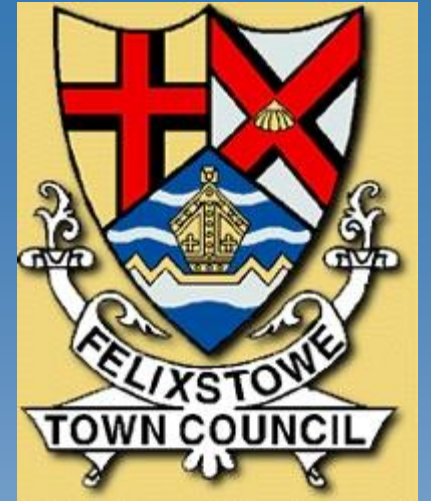


Felixstowe Town Council

Cllr Nick Barber, Mayor and
Cllr Mark Jepson, Deputy Mayor



Introduction to Felixstowe Town Council

Following local elections 2 May

16 councillors representing 4 wards in Felixstowe

As the first tier of local government Felixstowe Town Council is not as broad or far reaching as East Suffolk.

It is focused on local issues and is closest to its residents.

Want to know more about what we do?

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Who do I talk to about.....?

With three tiers of local government in Suffolk it can be confusing knowing which authority to contact about local matters or a particular service. This brief list outlines some of the key areas covered by each council to help untangle the web and to show who does what in your area.



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

- The office of the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Mayoral engagements
- Awarding grants to support local community group 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
- Floral bedding at the Triangle and seafont
- The locally funded Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
- 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 the Suffolk County Council Registrar, Felixstowe Forward and the Timebank, open to the public for meetings and a popular wedding venue
- Broadway House - the home of Felixstowe Old People's Welfare Association (OPWA)
- Walton Community Hall - available for private and community hire
- Allotment sites at Cowpasture, Ferry Road, Railway Hill and Taunton Road
- Felixstowe Cemetery and its Gardens of Rest
- The Felixstowe Civic Awards scheme to recognise our local community heroes

- Supporting the town's training and partnership arrangements with the German towns of Wesel and Salzwedel
- Felixstowe Youth Forum
- Funding the Christmas Lights (supported by the Lions Club of Felixstowe)
- Providing the Christmas Ice Rink (sponsored by the East of England Coop)
- Annual funding contribution to key local service providers including Felixstowe Volunteer East Panel Rescue Services, Level Two Youth Project, Felixstowe Forward, Citizens' Advice and the Landguard Partnership
- Making representations on local planning applications, strategic plans and consultations
- Representing the community at around 20 outside bodies, organisations and partnerships affecting many aspects of life in Felixstowe. Call 01394 282086 or visit www.felixstowe.gov.uk



East Suffolk Council provide 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 Norse)
- Benefits
- Community Safety
- Elections
- Street cleaning

- Housing needs
- Maintaining the resort of Felixstowe and the provision of beach huts
- Maintenance of Felixstowe's public parks, open spaces and play areas (in conjunction with East Suffolk Norse)
- Public car parks (note: currently the police are the only on-street parking enforcement authority)
- Licensing, Environmental and Port Health
- Leisure services (in conjunction with Places Leisure)



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
- 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
- Fire and rescue services
- Waste and Recycling centres

Get Real

The Town Council is calling on local employers to go beyond the government minimum and pay a wage their staff can really live on, wherever they can afford to do so.

The real Living Wage is an independently-calculated hourly rate based on what people need to get by and research for the Living Wage Foundation found that if local authorities, universities and sports facilities in towns and cities across the country signed up to the Living Wage, an additional 480,000 low-paid workers could benefit.

More than 1,200 employers have signed up to go beyond the government minimum to pay the real Living Wage in the last year joining over 4,700 employers across the UK. They include over a third of the FTSE 100 - household names like IKEA, Aviva, Nationwide and Google - as well as thousands of small businesses and organisations like the Town Council, who are choosing to pay the real Living Wage to ensure all staff, including sub-contracted workers, earn a wage that meets the real cost of living. For more about the real Living Wage visit www.livingwage.org.uk



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Chamber membership on the rise



After an exciting period of growth which saw the Felixstowe Chamber of Trade and Commerce's membership increase by some 30%, and the opening of its business advice Hub above Crafty Coffee in Hamilton Road, the Chamber is looking to build on its success over the summer.

This will include hosting workshops for established businesses and start-ups on subjects such as using social media to boost business, finance, marketing and team building at the Hub. Special networking coffee mornings, with business advisers on hand to answer questions to help start-ups, as well as established business owners to boost profits are also planned.

"Since the Hub was opened by Felixstowe Mayor Cllr Graham Newman in March, we have seen a number of people with exciting ideas for new businesses who are looking for advice on training, or simply how to turn their ideas into a business," said Chamber chairman, Roger Abbott.

"We also aim to help the older businessmen and women who want to get back to work by providing them with guidance and support for retraining."

At the other end of the business scale, the Chamber is working with the Careers and Enterprise Company and the Seckford Foundation to provide a business mentoring scheme for senior pupils at the Felixstowe Academy. In what promises to be a busy season, the Chamber is planning a summer programme, which will include a wine-tasting event for members, a special lunch or dinner to raise funds for a local charity and more "open house" networking evenings in members' shops and offices. This is all in addition to its regular monthly Breakfasts for members and guests. For details, see www.felixstowechamber.co.uk

Photo
Delegates at a recent training course in the Felixstowe Chamber of Trade and Commerce's new Business Hub above Crafty Coffee in Hamilton Road

Walton Community Hall



Looking for a venue for a children's party, business event or regular class? Walton Community Hall is available for hire daytimes, evenings and weekends throughout the year. The main hall measures 9.6m x 9.6m. Competitive rates apply; contact sarah.morrison@felixstowe.gov.uk or telephone 01394 282086 for further information.

Walton Community Hall is at 274 High Street, Walton, Felixstowe, IP11 9DS



PCSO Report



My name is Ben Sagi and I am the partnership funded PCSO for Felixstowe and I'll be highlighting my work and some of the key aspects of my role. In December 2018 I took on the new partnership funded PCSO having been a PCSO in Felixstowe beforehand but covering a much larger area. I am now funded by Felixstowe Town Council and I work closely with the council to help address matters primarily in the town. Each month we get together and discuss issues to focus on in the following month which are set as priorities. Some of the priorities that I have been addressing in the past few months include:

- Parking
- Schools
- Anti-social behaviour in parks and open spaces
- Engagement with vulnerable communities

As part of my role I hold a surgery at Felixstowe Town Hall on the first Wednesday of every month. Between 10am - 1pm anyone is free to pop in and have a chat with me about local policing issues, advice or information. If you have any problems in the area you live or in Felixstowe that you would like to be considered as a priority please contact your local councillor for consideration at our next meeting.

Weddings at Felixstowe Town Hall

Seafont location with excellent views
Three ceremony rooms for civil ceremonies and civil partnerships
Services of a town hall wedding coordinator
Rooms available for reception drinks and refreshments
Beautiful victorian building with period features
Formal gardens adjoining the building

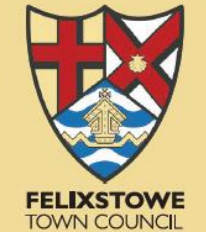


For more info please contact Felixstowe Town Council Undercliff Road West Felixstowe IP11 2AG Tel: 01394 288191 www.felixstowe.gov.uk
Email sue.faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk

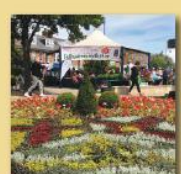
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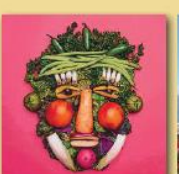
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Examples of how we work in partnership to deliver community outcomes ...

Play Area Improvements

Collaboration between East Suffolk,
Felixstowe Town Council and other
Partners

Police Community Support Officer

Felixstowe based community policing concentrating on
locally determined priorities

Ben Sagi

Surgery Town Hall

1st Wed of the month 10.00-13.00



Working with Felixstowe Forward

- * Felixstowe Town Council, along with East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council, support the Felixstowe Forward initiative
- * The annual Engagement Event is how the sponsor group set the priorities for the Felixstowe Forward team for the next two years



Supporting others

Occasional grants from the Town Council

£25,000 in total

31st may and 20 Nov deadline



**NOMINATE YOUR
COMMUNITY
HEROES!**

Tell us who **you** think is so inspiring that they deserve to be recognised with a Civic Award

**FELIXSTOWE
TOWN COUNCIL**
Town Hall, Undercliff Road West, IP11 2AG



**MAYOR OF
FELIXSTOWE
CIVIC AWARDS**

felixstowe.gov.uk/civic-awards

Civic Awards

Special contributions to the community made by individuals, young people and organisations are recognised by the Town Council at its annual Civic Awards evening.

Events

Centenary Remembrance event



Coming up

- * **Suffolk Day 21 June 2019**
- * **Felixstowe in Flower**

