



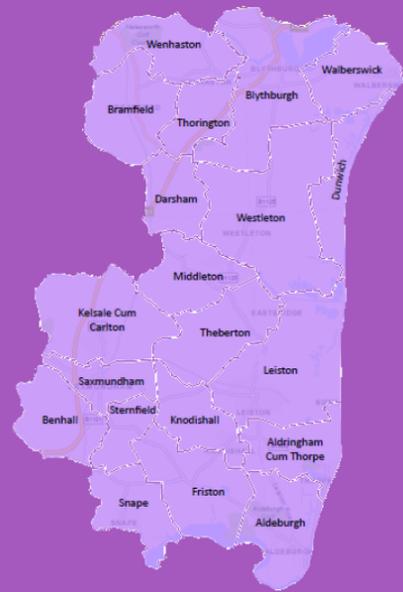
SUMMER 2019 REPORT

Leiston, Saxmundham & Surrounding Areas

STREET LIGHTS & SAFETY

Young people in the area are advising there are not enough street lights that are evenly spread, particularly around Saxmundham Memorial Field. This is causing a concern over safety.

Community Engagement Officer Partridge comments on the young people's concerns;



"As the Community Engagement Officer for your area I have been made aware of your concerns regarding street lighting. Suffolk is one of the safest places in which to live and work so I would like to reassure you that you live in an area of low crime. Your concerns will be raised with the relevant authority for their consideration. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight ways in which you can stay safe when on foot. First let someone know where you are going and your expected return time, carry a mobile phone and or panic alarm, never hitch hike or accept lifts from strangers, keep your distance if someone asks for directions, be alert to those around you and do not display valuable items such as mobile phones in the street, avoid short cuts but vary your route. In an emergency dial 999 or if no signal run and shout for help. For further Crime Prevention Advice visit www.suffolk.police.uk/1stprinciple"

Young people have noticed the amount of cigarette butts that are littered on the floor, and are concerned about the harm it is doing to the environment.

#BINTHEBUTT



is a new campaign developed by Keep Britain Tidy for local authorities, to help stamp out the smoking related litter issue.

The #BinTheButt campaign aims to raise awareness amongst smokers and highlight the link between the cigarette butt they drop on the street or down the drain and the impact it has on the marine environment.

Dropped cigarette butts are the most common form of littering, found on 79% of the 7,200 sites surveyed as part of the recent Local Environment Quality Survey of England 2017/18.

As well as plastic, cigarette filters are comprised of thousands of chemical ingredients including arsenic, lead and nicotine, all of which can leak into marine environments. According to studies, just one cigarette butt per litre of water is highly toxic to fish.

EAST SUFFOLK PERIOD POVERTY



Councillors have joined together and donated over £18,200 from their Enabling Communities Budgets to support the scheme. We are asking local businesses, clubs and organisations to get involved to help end period poverty in East Suffolk.

Boxes, known as 'PP Boxes', which contain a range of individually wrapped sanitary products, are available in community locations such as cafés, food banks and sports centres. The project does not displace any existing schemes, but will promote them on the website www.eastsuffolkperiodpoverty.com

#ACTIONAGAINSTKNIFECRIME



Over 1 million young people voted in Make Your Mark 2018 - the UK's largest youth ballot! The top priority out of 10 hot topics in Suffolk was Knife Crime. MYPs (members of youth parliament) have been working hard to develop information and resources for you to use in school/youth groups. Do the discussion activity in tutor time then download, print and display the two myth-busting posters!

Visit our dedicated page on The Source www.theseource.me.uk/endknifecrime for information and to download resources.

Register for Make Your Mark 2019! www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk/makeyourmark Share your activity @SuffolkUKYP on Facebook and Twitter