

MAKING BETTER USE OF OUR OPEN SPACES IN FELIXSTOWE

18th June Felixstowe Horizons Town Engagement Event Feedback Sheet: Making Better Use of Our Open Spaces in Felixstowe (Loosely grouped by comments)

What open spaces do we have in Felixstowe?

Abbey
Allenby park
Allotments
Beaches
Behind Morrisons
Brackenbury Green
Cavendish Park open space x 2
Cemetery
Clifflands
Clifftops
Community Woodland
Coronation Sports Ground
Eastward Ho
Estuaries
Event Space
Events Space
Felixstowe Ferry Ferry – Millennium
Felixstowe Seafront gardens
football Club
Garrison Lane redundant site near railway line
Golf Club (common and private
Gosford Way
Graveyards
Green

How can we make better use of our parks, promenade, woodlands to promote social action and improve wellbeing?

Accessibility

Improved cycle routes. Promotion of cycling. Make the most of our climate and topography.
Shared space and future pedestrian priority to create social space
Beach Access
England Coast Path – promote walking routes
Promote accessible wheelchair
Cycle day hire at beach
Multi sensory walks
Cycle treasure hunts instead of by car
Easier access to toilets
Country park to include a dementia area, gardening clubs, disabled access, cycling access
Sensory gardens
Bicycle hire
Crate off road cycleway through new woodland created
Hut for older people – make it more fun
Social Prescribing
Memory Events
More cycling, safely
Use the ‘hut’ – link with the Hut for a day for people with mental health issues, MIND, sea air.
Walking more along the sea-front
Access to beach (more access for people with mobility issues. Check access and all our parks etc for people with a range of disabilities)
Sensory gardens – in South Seafront gardens

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<p>Hamilton Road shared space Landguard Common Landguard Fort Landguard Nature Reserve Langley Playing Field Leisure Centre Green spaces Martello Park Millennium Wood Mini Golf Open Countryside in north Felixstowe Orwell Hotel gardens Parks – Allenby, Coronation, Cavendish Pier Plaza Promenade Roundabouts School Playing Fields Sea Stennets Street verges Streets The Dip to Felixstowe Ferry The Grove The Square station (not used now) Toilets near Arcade area Town Centre Triangle Various small open spaces within housing developments Viewing Point Walton recreation ground</p> <p>Station yard is empty Next to bannisters is empty</p>	<p>Sea</p> <p>Champion water sports and water quality (Blue Flag) – vigilant and promote. Change perception of Felixstowe as ‘docks’ Events on the waters – sailing, windsurfers, swimmers etc Make most of slipways Hire wetsuits Better and free access to the sea for small craft, kayaks and other NON motorised craft – access controlled by a few charging slipways. More water sports and making the sea a destination that is available and not an insurance issue!</p> <p>Marketing</p> <p>Promote to locals and tourists – windsurfing, kayaking, paddle boarding Photo Hotspots for people to take photos e.g. Porpoise, Giant shell Bach – like hut – children’s / school activity centre Pop up beach hut ‘stalls’ – selling Use / erect billboards along Felixstowe access points to promote open spaces Use empty shop windows to promote the town and its open spaces Promote through ¼ FTC magazine / social media / websites etc Promote availability / access to use open spaces for events Make better use of the open concrete events area Increase awareness of what activity exists!! To increase usage. More information on what to do in existing sites. Centre fold spread in new magazine Felixstowe Walkers – more advertising e.g. New Magazine. Area in Free magazines. Brownies, Guides, Scouts, utilise wild areas Preserve, enhance and promote Support community contributors – art meet ups Information days Create something that represents Felixstowe – ‘Tell people about what’s here’ Friends of ... Parks – local residents – ownership local people, give awards.</p> <p>Biodiversity</p> <p>Wildflowers and natural habitats Information about what species and flora and fauna are present</p>
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Cliff Road is empty
all empty for years and years – could
be used.

Hedgehog officer – funding
Landguard interpretation
Birdwatching – information on local birds e.g. Orford
Sow wild flower seeds on roundabouts, verges (reduce maintenance) and promote wildlife
Where there is roadside / pavement grass replace with wild flowers – HUGE savings and huge rewards
Empty allotments at a reduced price to community groups who could share (Town Council)
Forest schools
wildflower planting, don't cut the grass so much, avoid weed killers
Important for wildlife. Promote them for birds and bees.

Heritage Trails

Art trails
Felixstowe trails - ?? encouraging people to explore Felixstowe
Horse in Wells
Information boards along the seafront. Trumpeting water quality
Memory Events – connecting with the Arts
Multi sensory walks
Sculpture Trail by the Sea
Signed nature trails
Trails

Beach Showers

Don't turn off taps in Winter

Country Park

Consolidate Country park at the Grove
Grove / Eastwood Ho / Abbey – Country park / Visitor Centre
Plant trees
Support concept of new country park (make the developers pay via planning permission)
Woodlands organised cycling events – BMX, mountain biking etc.
Leave well alone

Parking / Transport / Signposting

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	<p>Limit camper van parking – limits parking for others – Sea Road, Dip, Undercliff Road</p> <p>Shuttle from north to South end</p> <p>Remove charges for car parking for local residents to encourage the poor and needy sections of our residents to use them</p> <p>Easy transport from station (motor or cycle)</p> <p>Increase cycle lanes – community free bikes to use</p> <p>Publicize the transferability of Parking tickets (its in the small print only)</p> <p>More cycle lanes to access open space</p> <p>More cycle tracks to enjoy outdoor riding such as BMX</p> <p>Directional signs to access these areas</p> <p>Signposting of Town to direct people to the Beach</p> <p>Safe accessible road crossings to reach green areas from housing</p> <p>cycle way from Felixstowe Ferry to Landguard</p> <p>Signed footpaths into AONB – nature walks, sensory small walkways, some wheelchair friendly / pushchair friendly, cycle ways as per Holland throughout Felixstowe.</p> <p>Speed restrictions on road to Felixstowe Ferry to make cycling safer</p> <p>Make Promenade continuous from Landguard to Felixstowe ferry</p> <p>Link Cavendish estate to woodlands</p> <p>Improve the entrances to the Town</p> <p>Need to improve public transport access eg new proposal leisure centre on edge of town. Current leisure centre is more accessible</p> <p>Transport is key</p> <p>Walk from Landguard to ferry (refill water bottles)</p> <p>Walk way around Cobbolds Point</p> <p>Furniture</p> <p>Beach hammocks</p> <p>Use roundabouts more – flower filled boats / anchor structures</p> <p>Creative benches – creative seating, people to sit, rest or think. Ladybirds for children.</p> <p>Shingle seats</p> <p>Picnic benches in gardens along the Promenade</p> <p>Outdoor chess tables, boards, boules</p> <p>Zip Wires from top of Martello Tower</p>
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	<p>Cycle racks Beach volleyball Giant chess and draughts boards Outdoor table tennis where unaffected by wind! Woodland Adventure park e.g. Treehouse, rope trails Occasional seating in all open spaces More benches (?), and public toilets and litter bins Pop Ups – open mic, Theatre, a bookable easy open space art Outdoor Gym trails</p> <p>Safety and Security Higher profile beach cams</p> <p>Environmental Beach clean equipment Insect hotels Wildflower Meadows / Roadside verges Community Gardens Litter picking / Plastic free Promote litter picking (plastic day) – print adverts to support anti littering on the litter bins Regular maintenance e.g. grass cutting to enable use More litter bins to include dog litter Maintain Eastward Ho and improve park area and football pitches and play area on Eastward Ho (jogging track) Valuable open space – well promoted at present – lessons for others Re-open toilets e.g. by Lidl Langer park needs sprucing up Re-furbish centre and toilets on East wood Ho Community Garden projects – edible food trails Pollination projects</p> <p>Health and wellbeing Meditation. Yoga, - on the beach Trim Trail – more outdoor gym equipment / skating rink</p>
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	<p>Youngsters skate park Volleyball on beach – as favoured by the continental beaches More sport Cross country running path around clifftop, Langer park, Eastward Ho New Skate park Keep fit 'stuff' – water spouts in pavements</p> <p>Events</p> <p>Annual 'ape' walk where you find locally funded gorillas as in Norwich Annual sandcastle competition Arts on prom Can have events there but <u>no</u> public transport Church events outside Farmers market Felixstowe Folk Festival! Fun flash mob activities to promote Kite flying competitions,. Teach children how to make kites, low budget – high fun – community event Make it easy for great events to happen / be booked – a Yes mentality, charging policy? Bookable spaces online eg Indoor / Outdoor. Mass promote for events. More o[pen music events Multi Faith events Music Music festival Nordic walking Open Air cinema Open Air cinema Performance pavilion – Town square space, but on the front. Large event space on Front, Outdoor Theatre Pop up skating (like Park Run) pop Up theatre and live events in Hamilton Road Public Art and Sculpture Public markets / farmers markets Raft race Reducing expense of using community facilities eg the Promenade Charges</p>
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	<p>Reducing experiencing of hiring Return of the raft race and informal water recreation Safe colour splashing – holi (?) festival Sea swimming open days Singing in Park – outdoor choir Teddy Bear Picnic</p> <p>Dogs</p> <p>Dog walks and pit stops – dog friendly places Dog agility fixed equipment area Dedicated space for dog owners (for events such as dog Olympics or similar) – can combat ASB and create social interaction Some kind of space for dog walking – doggy area ? park / part of? Need a dog walking area</p> <p>Hamilton Road / Town centre</p> <p>Lower business rates to encourage local trade to attract footfall Block of Hamilton Road from York Road to Cobbold Road Felixstowe Town Council to subsidise cost of public liability insurance for community events at Triangle. Close Hamilton road for a day Rural Coffee Caravan / CAS idea – closure of a street to host a bbq and for kids to play? Develop and embrace, promotes social interaction and cross generational knowledges, Town wide promotion of this idea with help re paperwork Swap shop for scooters etc, sports equipment – or ‘borrow’ equipment like borrow Bags</p> <p>Digital Application</p> <p>Public wifi along Hamilton Road Use technology to create ‘Elmer Trail’ as in Ipswich</p> <p>Funding</p> <p>More corporate sponsorships</p> <p>Other Comments</p>
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	<p>Keep asking the question 'How can I do this better'</p> <p>When Leisure centre is gone what will replace it? Surely an opportunity to promote a roller skating rink and tennis court as proposed by Triley st Mary pupils.</p> <p>not happy to see high rise buildings as removal of Leisure Centre would open up the beautiful panorama of the bay!</p> <p>Felixstowe Town Council should take over responsibility for parks, the Grioev and Play area!!</p> <p>Don't build on it! (Open Countryside)</p> <p>Is a café really needed at Martello park?</p> <p>Garrison Lane redundant site near railway line – is an eyesore. Take into public ownership and make a public park.</p> <p>???(illegible) the beach huts</p>
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