



News from Greenprint

The Greenprint Forum is a voluntary network, facilitated by the district council, enabling community environmental action to improve lives and strengthen our economy. Whilst our focus is on East Suffolk, anyone, anywhere can join for free to help inform and learn from our thinking. For more information or to contact us:

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New Air Quality Learning Resources for young people

Following visits to schools earlier in the school year by East Suffolk Council's Environmental Protection Team to engage primary school children on the subject of air quality, the team have produced free, downloadable Air Quality Lesson Resources to help anyone wishing to keep the youngsters engaged with the issue at home during Covid-19 lockdown. These new education resources include a presentation, quiz, word search and a "My Clean Air Superhero" drawing resource, and can be downloaded from the new Environment Learning Zone on the Council's website along with the Greenprint Forum's Plastic Pollution education resources: <https://www.eastssuffolk.gov.uk/environment/environment-learning-zone/>

Tree Council "Branching Out" Fund now open!

Each November, the Tree Council organises National Tree Week at the start of the tree planting season. Its purpose is to raise public awareness of trees and hedges and to encourage tree and hedge planting and good management.

Applications are now being accepted from schools, community groups, members of Tree Warden Networks and parish and town councils that want to undertake well-planned tree and hedge planting projects which involve young people aged up to 21.

Projects must take place this winter (November 2020 – March 2021), preferably during National Tree Week (28 November – 6 December 2020). If funded projects cannot go ahead at any time this winter due to social distancing restrictions related to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, then the delivery deadline of the grant will be extended to the following year.

This year, the Tree Council will fund 100% of the cost (excluding VAT) of strong applications from £300 to an increased upper limit of £1,500.

The grants can be used for:

- Buying trees, hedges, and fruit trees.
- Reasonable costs of supports and aids - stakes, ties, cardboard guards (not plastic ones), mulch, fertiliser, and peat-free soil amelioration products (only where conditions make this necessary).

For more visit the Tree Council's webpage: <https://treecouncil.org.uk/take-action/grants-for-trees/>

Community Climate Survey now open!

Are you interested in taking climate action in your community? Do you need more support to help mobilise your community? The Suffolk Climate Change Partnership are actively looking at ways in which Suffolk can become carbon neutral by 2030, and we need your help!

Communities across Suffolk are being invited to take part in a Community Climate Survey to determine what climate action is currently being taken by their community and what additional support is needed to enable them to achieve their climate goals. The survey is being delivered by [Groundwork East](#) who already provide community support services on behalf of the Partnership.

The results of the survey will help the Partnership and Groundwork East determine what appetite, need, and demand there is for a “Climate Community Support Initiative” and what that might look like.

- The survey can be completed online <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/suffolkcommunities>
- If you would like to complete the survey by telephone contact Sarah Gill on 07720 098980.

The deadline to take part is Sunday 12th July 2020.

Call for “shaping a new normal” case studies

Finally, Greenprint is keen to learn from and share the experiences of those who are taking positive steps towards a more sustainable future particularly in the context of the gradual emergence from Covid-19 lockdown and where those steps are helping to create and/or influence a greener more sustainable “new normal”. If you have been taking such action in the past few months and would like to share your achievements and lessons learnt with the wider Greenprint network please do let them know.

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