



SUMMER 2019 REPORT

Felixstowe & Surrounding Areas

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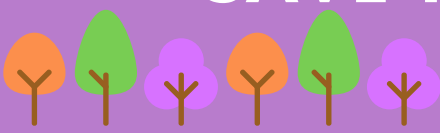
Young people in Felixstowe are asking for improved rail services to Ipswich, saying most trains get cancelled and replaced with a bus service.

National Rail released a statement advising of the disruption; Major engineering work is taking place between Ipswich and Felixstowe until August 2019.

Most weekend services until Sunday 11 August including some late evening trains on Saturday and all day on Sunday, will be cancelled. A replacement bus service will operate between Ipswich and Felixstowe, calling at Derby Road and Trimley.



SAVE THE BEES, PLANT MORE TREES, CLEAN THE SEAS



It has been noted by the young people of Felixstowe that for every tree cut down, another should be planted.

More than 15,000 young trees have been planted in Suffolk (and Essex) since winter 2019 and now. The Woodland Trust provided the young trees (including stakes and guards), Suffolk Tree Wardens, farmers and local people planted the trees supported by The Tree Council and Suffolk County Council.

To find out more visit www.suffolktreewardens.org.uk

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

Inspired by Felixstowe Academy's Proud, Period!

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



Councillor Jepson comments;

"I am really encouraged by the issues identified and reflects some of the priorities for the District, poverty in general is a concern of mine and we need to provide the right support for families. Students at Felixstowe Academy have launched Period Poverty which is both empowering to females and recognises the needs of others. The fact that this initiative is being rolled out elsewhere reflects what a great idea it was"