



WINTER REPORT 2018

Felixstowe and Surrounding Areas

10%

The young people of Felixstowe are particularly concerned about homeless people. 10% are not only concerned about the number, but also the alcohol they are consuming. Many think provision such as more shelters and donations would help the situation.



PLASTIC WASTE

'Litter-Free Felixstowe was formed to take action against the amount of plastic litter washed up on our beaches and also left in public spaces. This is a local response to the global crisis in our oceans. We do regular litter-picks and we are particularly looking for more young people to join in and assist us to rid the town of plastic waste. We would like more volunteers on the first Sunday of every month - for details of areas being cleared please join 'Litter-Free Felixstowe' on Facebook' - Debbie Bartlett



Access to contraception is another issue that has been raised. We have spoken to the local youth club about this concern;



“Our staff are trained by Terrance Higgins Trust to offer the C-Card scheme which enables young people to access free condoms, along with information, advice & guidance on sex & relationships. We offer this from the Hub & from Felixstowe Academy.” - Level 2 Youth Club

People are calling for free sanitary products. There is an upcoming period poverty project being piloted by Felixstowe Academy, across East Suffolk that will be formed by the young people. The idea behind this project is to provide free sanitary items to those that need them, Available in places regularly attended by young people. Watch this space for updates on this exciting and important project!

Councillor Steve Gallant responds to the young peoples request for more art, music and leisure opportunities and the affects this has on mental health;

I am not surprised to see that the Young People of our district have listed these key areas that would benefit from investment and development. The emotional wellbeing of young people is just as important as their physical health.

Good mental health allows children and young people to develop the resilience to cope with whatever life throws at them and grow into well-rounded, healthy adults. I am keen that the new East Suffolk Council looks at ways that it can harness the enthusiasm of young people and together with partner organisations find innovative ways that we can meet their needs and aspirations.



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