



Climate Resilient Communities

Monday 21 November 2022

18:00-21:00, East Suffolk House, Melton

Guest speakers:

Dr Alison Pooley, University of Suffolk

Julian Thompson, iFarm



The Greenprint Forum has a vision for an East Suffolk where we work together to improve our quality of life and living standards whilst reducing our environmental impact.

We are holding this forum to hear about the need for community resilience in the face of climate change, how communities are making positive changes to become more resilient, what more communities want to do, and what mutual support is needed.



We face a climate emergency. We all have a role to play in mitigating our contribution to the processes driving climate change, but also in adapting to those climatic changes already occurring.

This event is an opportunity for you to hear about the challenges facing communities, where we need to get to achieve resilience, hear about examples of communities taking positive action, and offer your ideas about how further change by others within the sector can be enabled.

Dr Alison Pooley from University of Suffolk will tell us about the work and ambitions of the Suffolk Sustainability Institute as well as her work with a resilient almshouse community project with the UCL.



Joolz Thompson from iFarm joins us to deliver a short talk on the practical steps you can take right now in your community to combat the climate & ecological emergency. Build resilience in your communities by insulating and retrofitting your homes, generating your own heat and power, cultivating your own food and reducing waste. This all starts with a plan.

The event may trigger thoughts about how we create and support resilient communities; where we generate our energy and grow our food locally, and accommodate nature in the process; and what we are prepared to change about the rural and historic nature of Suffolk to achieve this.

We don't claim to have the answers to the big questions ourselves. However we will use this as an opportunity to gather your questions, ideas and comments to help inform the ongoing dialogue within the multi-stakeholder group identifying opportunities for collaborative actions in support of the Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan, and within East Suffolk Council itself.



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- Registration and open
- Welcome and introduction from Chair Jane Healey
- Dr Alison Pooley, University of Suffolk – Resilience, Retrofit and the Suffolk Sustainability Institute
- Julian Thompson, iFarm – Community Climate Action – Writing your Plan
- *Interlude to network and meet the stallholders*
- Workshop
- Feedback from workshops, followed by Forum discussion
- Concluding remarks and key takeaway messages from Chair
- Final opportunity to network
- Close

