

East Suffolk Greenprint Forum

The Steering Group exists to connect us into key partnerships and organisations and provide strategic direction to ensure that we are effectively informing, engaging and enabling East Suffolk Community and Youth Champions, elected members and organisations to work towards meeting our agreed vision and goals. It is made up of people who listen to and feed back to their own community groups or organisations and who also see the needs and opportunities across the whole of East Suffolk and are willing to shape the work of the Forum and work with anyone to move us towards our goals.

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Jane Healey—Chair of East Suffolk Greenprint Forum



Jane moved to Woodbridge 30 years ago and is an early years teacher and reflexologist. Throughout her adult life Jane has been interested in environmental issues and passionate about playing her part.

She has been a member of Greenprint Forum for a number of years and has been pleased to be part of Greenprint's initiatives especially our Plastic Reduction Action and legacy of Plastic Action Champions. She sees the Forum as an essential bridge between the wider community and District Council enabling us to put forward potential policies that reflects the environmental aspirations of the East Suffolk community.

She is also a member of Transition Woodbridge, a local community-led environmental group seeking to improve the resilience of Woodbridge, Melton and surrounding communities in the face of our Climate Emergency. Jane believes meeting the needs of the local community results in local people taking ownership of projects encouraging relocation, protecting the environment, reducing our impact on climate change and promoting positive vision and action for a sustainable future in East Suffolk.





Betsy Reid

Betsy Reid is a retired teacher of History and English, spending her retirement on Beekeeping (and proselytising), Master Composting, Plastic Action—Championing, Eco-schools Assessments and other 'green' things in her village of Waldringfield and beyond.

From 2021 Betsy continues to help Greener Waldringfield drive the Parish Council's response to the Climate and Ecological Emergency. In 2011 Betsy was the Green Hero Award winner at the Creating the Greenest County Awards.

Chris Ryde

After an eighteen year career in agriculture as a general farm worker and then outdoor pig manager I began the long held realisation of working in countryside conservation by completing a diploma course at Merrist Wood college. I got my first part time role with Wycombe District Council in 1998, and the rest is history as they say.

I have now been working on the Suffolk Coast as a Ranger, including at Landguard Nature Reserve in Felixstowe, and now more recently as a Countryside Officer since 2012.



Daniel Wareing—Secretary

Daniel has lived in East Suffolk for most of his life and holds a lifelong passion for environmental matters particularly wildlife. He maintains a wildlife friendly garden including a wildlife pond, hedgehog highway, hotbin, and raised beds. After graduating from University of Essex in Ecology, Daniel joined the District Council's waste management team promoting the waste hierarchy and working on waste reduction projects for a number of years, including project managing the award-winning Tip-Off Suffolk campaign, before working briefly with the Wildlife Trusts in Essex and is now the Environmental Sustainability Officer for East Suffolk Council, as well as Secretary of the Greenprint Forum and Plastic Action Champion.



Emily Knock

Emily is a Youth Climate Justice Activist and artist, who has lived in East Suffolk her whole life. Having recently graduated from the University of Suffolk with a BA in Fine Art, she uses her art to raise awareness and action on the climate crisis, which she shares online via her website and Instagram.

Her activism has seen her work with a variety of different groups and organisations, on local, national and international levels – in all of them campaigning for global climate justice and action. She is currently involved in a Rewilding project in Kesgrave, which aims to reintroduce nature into the urban environment, in addition to working to galvanise youth climate action in the local area.



Laurence Moss

Laurence worked as a teacher in London for 25 years, and then moved to the Wye in Herefordshire from where he trained Teachers in applied computer Technology around the country. He was a Trustee of the charity caring for the local nature reserve, and was a Geology Champion for a site near my home. On retiring Laurence moved to Suffolk to be closer to the sea and to relatives, and started Greener Peasenhall to try to motivate parishioners to think of a more natural environment.

Laurence joined Greenprint as a Plastics Champion. Outside of Greenprint duties Laurence is a keen photographer and an occasional sailor on the Alde and Orwell.



Luke Bennett

Luke is the Partnerships Manager at East Suffolk Council and invests his time encouraging a wide variety of individuals from across public services, businesses, community groups and voluntary organisations to work together for the benefit of East Suffolk. He is also supporting the East Suffolk Council to develop Community Partnerships as an innovative way for the Council to conduct its business and ensure that decision making remains local for residents.

Early in his career Luke spent 15 years as a countryside management professional promoting land management for wildlife and for people, both at a practical and policy level. He is an advocate of Greenprint Forum's model of active local environmental leadership along with its commitment to partnership working.



Paul Mackie

Paul has over 15 years of experience in the environment sector. As Lead Officer for environment & climate change at East Suffolk Council he advises the authority on environmental strategies, policies and initiatives, and their contribution to national, regional and local goals.

Previously Paul led Coastal Partnership East's Funding & Strategy team, securing funding and finance for green / grey flood and coastal resilience infrastructure, and providing input at a national and policy-level via collaboration with the Local Government Association, Defra, the Environment Agency and The Crown Estate.

Prior to this, Paul spent 10 years in global corporate sustainability with the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership, working with business leaders on how to respond to climate and natural resource challenges – and remain profitable. Much of this work involved managing international business groups established by The Prince of Wales, with a focus on Natural Capital, climate policy, green finance and insurance.



Councillor Rachel Smith-Lyte



An East Suffolk native, Rachel attended Farlingaye High school and has worked as a Project Manager for an environmental conservation charity in Norwich and as a field teacher at RSPB Minsmere as well as teaching in Indonesia including street kids for free. She has previously worked for Bristol City Council in Benefits and later Childrens Services amongst other occupations.

Rachel is passionate about protecting the area's natural environment from inappropriate development and the links between sustainable including public transport and improved air quality and health through social contact as well as lower emissions. She believes there can be no climate justice without social justice is keen to ensure as much inclusivity as possible within our environmental meetings with community ambassadors and pushing for better protection of nature and green spaces for our communities health and recreation and an overall reduction in motorised traffic.

Her other interests include local resilience and 'passiv haus' well insulated affordable housing as part of a post-growth society.

Rachel is the Portfolio Holder for the Environment at East Suffolk Council.



Susan Harvey



Susan was the Chair of the former Suffolk Coastal District Council and was a Parish Cllr for 30 years before serving the District Council for 8 years on the Planning Committee during which time she supported the Greenprint Forum. Susan is passionate about looking after our wildlife and swifts in particular, and believes that we all need to have a 'greener' outlook on life for the benefit of our health, both mental and physical.

Susan sees the future of the Forum as being in the forefront of pushing for positive changes to enable separate foot and cycle transport routes and to improve bus transport in rural areas to schools and local places of work.

Susan is a Plastic Action Champion and a volunteer Board member for Quiet Lanes Suffolk.

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