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**September 2016**

**Key news from your Steering Group** (full minutes will be available on <http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/green-issues/east-suffolk-greenprint-forum>)

- Jane Healey, Transition Woodbridge welcomed as a new member. SCDC has agreed to seek volunteers for the rota to help water the Melton Picnic site trees.
- Focus for 2017/18 agreed: Environmental C.V. building for School Leavers , Creating Sustainable Self Builds with Community Land Trusts, Promoting waste reduction at source to avoid the need to manage it and exploring the concept of a Suffolk Community Nature Reserve and sharing best practice – particular focus on Pesticide Action Network UK.
- With £1000 total pot left for our 20 year celebrations we are now launching a Green Dragon's Den—communities can apply for up to £500 towards community environmental projects that they can deliver before the 30th December 2016. If they pass the first screening they will be asked in on 19th October to pitch their idea and explain why they should be awarded the amount they need. Full terms and conditions will be available on our website from 19th September 2016.



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### **Our final events of 2016**

Please do share as these are open to all. Booking helps ensure enough refreshments and chairs.

**7th November 2016**—Life, Death and the Environment: an open discussion over coffee and cake. Waldringfield Village Hall IP12 4QP. Email: [deborah.wargate@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:deborah.wargate@eastsuffolk.gov.uk) to book.

**28th November 2016**— Sustainable Prosperity—a life lived well with Professor Tim O’Riordan OBE, FBA. The Waterfront Building: Ipswich IP4 1QJ. Book via [Eventbrite.com/e/sustainable-futures-lecture-series-sustainable-prosperity-a-life-lived-well-tickets-27454876274](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sustainable-futures-lecture-series-sustainable-prosperity-a-life-lived-well-tickets-27454876274)

### **Other upcoming local events that may be of interest**

**Monday 19th September, 7.15pm for 7.30 start** Friends of the Earth Gannon Rooms Saxmundham—Environmental Laws and Brexit

**Monday 18th October, 7pm for 7.30 start** Friends of the Earth/TASC Jubilee Hall Aldeburgh - Jonathon Porritt , The Nuclear Option: Wrong technology, time, and place. £5 a ticket.

**Friday 11 November 2016, 9am – 2pm, East Suffolk Partnership Forum** Trinity Park Conference Centre. <http://www.eastsuffolkpartnership.org.uk/>

You can find other environmental volunteering opportunities and close to Ipswich environmental events on <http://www.greenlivingcentre.org.uk/diary/diary.php>

For engineers and those involved in the Energy and Environment sectors or keen to keep up to date there is the Suffolk and Essex Energy & Environment Group. <http://www.seeeg.org.uk/index.html>



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**In other news:**

- From [UKCIP](#): What do people really want to know about flooding? While some want stats most folk just want to know what to do FCERM: [Talking about floods – be brave and leave out the numbers!](#)
- Business Energy Efficiency (BEE) Anglia is a three-year programme, funded by the European Regional Development Fund, to provide free energy efficiency support to 1,000 SMEs across Suffolk and Norfolk. [Read more about BEEA.](#)
- **Thriving Community Buildings** (Suffolk Coastal and Waveney) and the Suffolk Climate Change Partnership Community Advisor (The whole of Suffolk bar Suffolk Coastal) are able to offer those managing community buildings support and advice on energy efficiency and renewables amongst other things. Demand is high so a waiting list is in operation— to find out more and register your interest visit <http://www.greensuffolk.org/green-communities/communityenergy/thriving-community-buildings/> or contact Groundwork Suffolk on 01473 350370.
- We are seeking **chatty volunteers** from Aldeburgh, Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth, Kessingland Leiston, Lowestoft, Snape, Saxmundham, Southwold and Thorpeness who love to meet new people and share their cultural, historical and environmental knowledge of East Suffolk for the role of Suffolk Coast Greeters. For more information visit: <http://suffolkcoast.greeters.info/> or call 07817458637.
- From [IEMA](#): A [study](#) by the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership found that the focus of firms in its Natural Leaders Platform which includes ASDA, Mars and Nestle shows a switch from risk based environmental management to opportunities from maintaining the natural environment and greater influence on non sustainability led people through using terms like ‘cost’, ‘brand’, ‘field’ and social benefit’ On the same theme is the report from [Pilot testing the Natural Capital Protocol.](#)



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## Other news continued:

- The Suffolk Holistic Water Project latest newsletter is on [www.greensuffolk.org/HWMP](http://www.greensuffolk.org/HWMP) .
- The Country has a new [Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy](#). Of current interest in their news: [attitudes to animals used in research](#). For example did you know that: Many people continue to believe that cosmetics testing on animals is allowed in the UK (35% - up from 31% in 2014) although testing cosmetic products and their ingredients on animals was banned in the UK in 1998 and across the EU in 2013
- Environment Secretary Andrea Leadsom announced [plans](#) to ban the sale and manufacture of cosmetics and personal care products containing tiny pieces of plastic, commonly known as 'microbeads' and research where else they are found. A consultation will be launched later this year so keep a look out: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>
- From 23rd September to 23rd October [the Tree Council](#) is urging people (ideally with people who know trees) to get outside and enjoy any late sunshine that is adding the last touches to ripening seeds and gather, nurture and germinate tree seeds for the benefit of their neighbourhoods. Picking fruit while out can also add enjoyment for all the family. Lots of tips on the website. I am not aware of any local expert led walk during this week but do let me know if you are planning to run one and I will circulate details. Oh and a huge thank you to all those out there watering trees I am told they have been struggling with this dry weather—guidance is on <http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/Press-News/Caring-for-trees-in-summer>
- The [State of Nature 2016](#) UK report reveals that over half (56%) of UK species studied have declined since 1970, while more than one in ten (1,199 species) of the nearly 8000 species assessed in the UK are under threat of disappearing from our shores altogether. Positives and calls for actions are also contained within.



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**Inspiration station** from Greenprint Forum member Dr Adrian Cooper:

The recent sunny weather has produced a surge of support for the work of Felixstowe's Community Nature Reserve. So far, 445 local people have started to grow the wildlife-friendly plants which our group has been promoting. This is a fantastic achievement for grass-roots people-power in our town. It's also a major step forward in the aim of Felixstowe's Community Nature Reserve to develop a network of small green spaces in private gardens, allotments and window boxes in the Felixstowe area which are supportive of local wildlife. The long-term goal of Felixstowe's Community Nature Reserve is to encourage a total of 1,666 local people to each allocate 3 square yards of their land for wildlife-friendly plants and other features (eg ponds, nesting boxes, insect lodges etc). That combination of 1,666 people each setting aside 3 square yards of their land for wildlife would produce an area of 5,000 square yards of new, sustainable community nature reserve in Felixstowe to help to stop the decline of local wildlife populations. To imagine that 5,000 square yards, it's about the same area as a football pitch. So far, the 445 people who have started to grow wildlife-friendly plants have covered about 1,335 square yards of Felixstowe. In only a few years time, we forecast that the enthusiastic people of Felixstowe will have helped to create that football-pitch sized area of new, sustainable wildlife-friendly land. To learn more about the work of Felixstowe's Community Nature Reserve, please visit their Facebook page:<https://www.facebook.com/FelixstoweCommunityNatureReserve/>



Adrian Hines Roof Top Garden

There will be lots more that I have not captured—the environmental world is always an active one. Keep sharing stuff with me to circulate to help others and when time allows I will.

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