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## May edition

Hot weather, the dawn chorus at its best, swifts on the wing and new members (welcome) it must be May. It has been a tough month for some and our thoughts and well wishes are with all suffering losses and hardships.

## Updates



East Suffolk House now has 12 nest boxes (one with a sound system, some with feathers) thanks to the encouragement of Greenprint Forum members and councillors. We were very fortunate to have experienced ornithologist Edward Jackson, Save our Suffolk Swifts, advising us and giving significant help on the day of install.

Swifts are, like many of our species, in need of our help to recover. Providing space for them within our buildings by ensuring we do not block existing nest sites and putting in nesting sites where the location is right is one thing that we can all do. Another is enjoy spotting and recording them.

[www.sogonline.org.uk/sos-swifts-latest-event-dates-2017/](http://www.sogonline.org.uk/sos-swifts-latest-event-dates-2017/)

**Our Environmental Careers Guide** continues to be circulated as a useful prompt for careers advisors and people who are looking at green careers. If you would like a copy please email a request to [greenissues@eastsoffolk.gov.uk](mailto:greenissues@eastsoffolk.gov.uk).

**Member survey results** Thanks to the 47 people (23%) who responded to the survey. The results indicate that the majority of those responding now prefer to receive environmental updates in newsletter form (57%). Those preferring forums are split between day (11%) and night (19%). The steering group discussed these results in depth and the decision was:

- To continue this monthly newsletter and promote relevant, non political forum member events through it. Climate change related topics were noted as being of particular interest.
- To hold one evening forum (3rd July 2017) a month and contribute to a workshop at the East Suffolk Partnership Forum and to further improve marketing (Please note the September forum will therefore not progress).
- To support relevant community events in East Suffolk with a presence and display when possible.



### **Suffolk Coast Greeter taster visit to Hen Reedbeds**

18 years has seen a lot of changes at this hidden gem of a wildlife reserve and Suffolk Wildlife Trust Reserve Manager Alan Miller has been there for them all. He gave us a fascinating tour through time. He has seen the site changed from degraded grassland to being the first created reedbed in the UK (1999) and the first to get bitterns. Although five species came within the first year this site has taken 15 years to become what he regards as fully functional. Now there are bitterns, otters, bearded tits, marsh harriers and more (the starlings have moved on). 2013 saw a breach which had a significant impact—the wall has been repaired and the recovery is now being monitored. Plans for the future sound exciting. This is definitely a place to visit if you like nature—and it has a wheelchair accessible viewing platform.

[www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/reserves/hen-reedbed](http://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/reserves/hen-reedbed)

Suffolk Coast greeters is being resourced by Suffolk Coastal District Council in partnership with Suffolk Coast & Heaths. We are seeking volunteers who enjoy meeting new people, learning new things and then sharing them while showing folk around our special areas on the Suffolk Coast and telling them all about other spots they can visit while here. We also tell them about the wonderful organisations and volunteers that look after them and encourage people using our free service to support them in anyway they can. If you want to find out more email [suffolkcoastgreeters@gmail.com](mailto:suffolkcoastgreeters@gmail.com).

### **AONB team submit £2.1M bid to Heritage Lottery Fund**

After much development work with partners, communities and professional groups the AONB team have submitted a bid the Heritage Lottery Fund's Landscape Partnership Scheme. The proposal is for an exciting and innovative project around the Stour and Orwell, including the Shotley Peninsula, that will seek to balance the needs of landscape, wildlife, recreation, tourism, heritage and commercial activity. If successful the project will deliver some outstanding projects for the benefit of people, place and wild-life.



### **AONB Grants: Funds available..... but be quick**

The Galloper Wind Farm Fund (deadline Wed 21 June) and the Suffolk Coast & Heaths Sustainable Development Fund (deadline Weds 31 May) still have some funds for projects that benefit the social economic or environmental well-being of the area.

See [www.suffolkcoastandheaths.org/grants-and-funding/](http://www.suffolkcoastandheaths.org/grants-and-funding/)

### **Upcoming events that you may be interested in**

The University of Suffolk is hosting Professor John Midwinter on **Monday, 05 June 2017, 18:00 to 20:00** for 'The Big Picture - global challenges & imperatives for human society!'

Greener Rendlesham is hosting a showing of The film 'Tomorrow' at Rendlesham Community Centre on **Tuesday June 13th at 7.30 p.m.** The film embarks on a globe-trotting mission to find creative solutions to pressing environmental and social issues in the areas of energy, food, education, democracy and economy. A voluntary donation of £4.00 for adults and £3.00 for concessions is suggested.

We are holding a forward looking starter discussion open to all on how we can help tackle our communities hidden needs through housing in an environmentally sustainable way on **July 3rd, 7—9pm**

**East Suffolk House.** It is open to all so please spread the word and book by emailing [greenissues@eastssuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:greenissues@eastssuffolk.gov.uk)

We are running a further visit to the Energy from Waste Plant on July 26th 10am to 12pm. It is open to anyone so please spread the word and book by emailing [greenissues@eastssuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:greenissues@eastssuffolk.gov.uk).

Please can past, present and potential Suffolk Organisers **register on-line before the end of June** for the **Great British Beach Clean 2017, 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> September.** Can you also let the lovely Lynn Allen, Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB Countryside Projects Officer know that you will be doing it and if you need any equipment (litter picks sticks etc.) what you will need. Data from the schemes informed the introduction of the plastic bag levy in England and more recently enable MCS to persuade cotton wool bud manufacturers to make the sticks from paper instead of plastic – hurrah! While removing litter from our beaches is extremely important, the data is crucial as this provides the evidence that is needed to encourage these kinds of changes in legislation and awareness of marine pollution issues. Therefore if you do organise a Beachwatch event, please ensure that you record the litter as you pick it up and send this data off to MCS – this only needs to happen for a 100m section of your beach/foreshore.



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## News from UKCIP:

### Gardening in a changing climate

We know that outdoor spaces from gardens to large county parks, wasteland to countryside are valuable for a variety of reasons. They support our physical and mental health and our social wellbeing, they can support wildlife, alleviate flooding, lock up carbon, cool our urban areas and capture pollutants. The RHS has for 15 years recognised and sought to understand the challenges that population increases with their associated development needs and climatic change brings and how gardeners might adapt. Their latest summary and full report is available on [www.rhs.org.uk/science/gardening-in-a-changing-world/climate-change](http://www.rhs.org.uk/science/gardening-in-a-changing-world/climate-change)

### Climate Central

[www.climatecentral.org/news/628-months-since-the-world-had-cool-month-21365](http://www.climatecentral.org/news/628-months-since-the-world-had-cool-month-21365)

A graphic to demonstrate the increase in global temperatures. Using monthly averages against a baseline of 1881–1910, the pattern of cooler- and warmer- than average periods shows a 627 month stretch of warming. There's no sign of that pattern changing in the near future.

**Oxford Brookes University** New collaborative research aims to reduce impact of overheating in new housing. The £220k project has received funding from Innovate and Encraft to develop novel tools and products for assessing and preventing the occurrence of summertime overheating in new-build housing and extra care homes which have been built to high energy efficiency standards – an issue of rapidly growing importance as the climate warms. [www.brookes.ac.uk/about-brookes/news/new-collaborative-research-aims-to-reduce-impact-of-overheating-in-new-housing/](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/about-brookes/news/new-collaborative-research-aims-to-reduce-impact-of-overheating-in-new-housing/)

### A new study from Lund University in Sweden.

The study in question investigates whether there is a so-called publication bias within climate research, i.e. a statistically skewed distribution of the way various types of findings are presented in research journals. The conclusion is that climate researchers do not conceal uncomfortable facts which could potentially disprove climate change. <https://phys.org/news/2017-03-bias-climate.html>