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## Introduction

Event summaries, events coming up, businesses, travel, volunteers, climate, litter, wildlife and more...

## Our Updates

Our steering group will be meeting on 16 May . For past minutes of Steering Group Meetings go to [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/green-issues/east-suffolk-greenprint-forum/steering-group-meetings](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/green-issues/east-suffolk-greenprint-forum/steering-group-meetings).

Since our last newsletter we have visited the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) and the Energy from Waste (EFW) plant at Great Blakenham in Suffolk. These are both excellent sites to visit for all ages and we recommend that you either get a group together yourselves and book a visit or contact [greenissues@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:greenissues@eastsuffolk.gov.uk) and when we have enough expressing an interest we will book further ones (please note visits will be during working hours and on days that suit the plants and tour leaders). We have also supported a Give and Take day in Felixstowe.

For more information go to [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/green-issues/east-suffolk-greenprint-forum/greenprint-forum-meeting-notes-and-presentations/](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/green-issues/east-suffolk-greenprint-forum/greenprint-forum-meeting-notes-and-presentations/)

**Planned Events** (Please note early booking is essential so that we can be sure there will be sufficient attendance to warrant running the event).

**Monday 3 July 2017** 7pm - 9pm - [Greenprint Forum—Community Self Builds focus](#)

**Monday 24 July 2017 Community Give and Take** at Whitton Residents Hall, Hawthorn Avenue, NR33 9BB. 9am and 11am for giving stuff to fill our tables. 11am and 3pm to give and take.

None of us like to spend money unless we have to or throw stuff away that could still be of use. For folk who live in Lowestoft Norse are running a Give and Take on behalf of Waveney District Council and with the support of the Greenprint Forum to share the reuse rather than buy new and give rather than throw away message. [The Benjamin Foundation](#) will be present on the day to PAT test electrical items and any goods left over at the end of the event will go to them to be sold in their charity shops.

**Monday 25 September 2017** 7pm - 9pm - Greenprint Forum—[Waste and water focus](#)



## **Businesses in Suffolk and Norfolk can 'BEE' greener and save money for free**

The three elements of the BEE Anglia programme are:- free energy reviews; free accreditation to the Suffolk Carbon Charter; and grant funding for energy efficiency measures. To date the project has reviewed **220** organisations and identified cost savings of **£1,644,352** (£7,474 per business), and carbon savings of **19,178t** (87t per business). **£51,912** has been awarded in grant funding for various energy efficiency projects including radiant heating, vehicle tracking, wood burners and lighting. The BEE Anglia project is funded by the European Regional Development Fund and is being delivered across the region through a partnership of Groundwork, Norfolk County Council, NWES and Suffolk County Council. Key eligibility criteria: – energy spend of £1,500+ per year; fewer than 250 employees; and turnover of less than €50m. They cannot support agricultural businesses, and retail businesses are excluded from applying for the grant. If you know a business that seems eligible get them to call 01473 350370.

## **Suffolk Car Share**

The Suffolk Car Share website has been updated and now includes a recommended charge per passenger to enable the driver to recoup their costs. If you are friendly and not afraid of meeting people you don't know this could be an option to help you save money, make new friends and cut carbon. Find out more on [www.greensuffolk.org/travel/journey-planning/car-sharing/](http://www.greensuffolk.org/travel/journey-planning/car-sharing/)

## **Southwold & Reydon Society AGM, Awards + Talk**

7pm Tuesday, 2 May 2017 St. Edmund's Hall, Cumberland Road, Southwold IP18 6JP [link](#)

Members and non-members welcome. AGM and awards ceremony and guest speaker Professor Joanna Haigh, CBE, FRS, who is Co-Director of the Grantham Institute on Climate Change. She will talk about 'Climate Change: its evidence, impacts and what we can do about it'.

## **Suffolk Wildlife Trust Survey**

You may be aware that Suffolk Wildlife Trust is hoping to create a new, 1,000-acre nature reserve just outside Lowestoft at Carlton Marshes. Complete this simple survey to help them. <http://bit.do/>



### **Suffolk Coast & Heaths - extracted from April Monthly Update**

The 2016 Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB Coast & Estuary Warden Scheme report, is now available to view. It was a record-breaking year, with a three-fold increase number of wardens submitting reports, the highest since the scheme began in 2009. What a fantastic effort. [www.suffolkcoastandheaths.org/assets/Get-Involved/Volunteering/2016-Coast-Estuary-Wardens-Report.pdf](http://www.suffolkcoastandheaths.org/assets/Get-Involved/Volunteering/2016-Coast-Estuary-Wardens-Report.pdf)

Volunteers needed to map tranquillity. The AONB team is looking for some additional volunteers to help field test a tranquillity map of the Deben estuary area. Volunteers will receive training and information and be available to travel to the rural environment around the Deben Estuary. If you are interested contact the AONB team on [schaonb@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:schaonb@suffolk.gov.uk)

### **Extracted from Suffolk County Council's Head of Natural & Historic Environment April Update**

SWT's Trimley Marshes Open Day is here again. Visit to experience wonderful wetland wildlife at close quarters and why not stay for lunch, learn about bird behaviour in the visitor centre, ask questions, relax and enjoy your local wildlife. For more information see [www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/events/2017/05/21/open-day-trimley-marshes?instance=0](http://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/events/2017/05/21/open-day-trimley-marshes?instance=0) For all SWT events see [www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/whats-on?page=1](http://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/whats-on?page=1)

A new book, which is well worth a read, called [The Nature Fix: Why Nature Makes Us Happier, Healthier and more Creative](#) by Florence Williams sets out to uncover the science behind nature's positive effects on the brain. (It is not in the Suffolk Library stock so it is a case of buy or borrow from a friend at the moment).

SBIS newsletter Spring 2017 is available on [www.suffolkbis.org.uk/news](http://www.suffolkbis.org.uk/news)—another good read when you have a moment or two and want to be inspired.

### **A brief aside**

At a recent Waldringfield Wildlife Group talk on little terns by Susan Rendell Read we were reminded of the importance of keeping away from ground nesting sites—particularly with dogs and of projects which test methods for improving these vulnerable species chances. [www.rspb.org.uk/our-work/conservation/conservation-projects/details/370840-little-tern-recovery-project](http://www.rspb.org.uk/our-work/conservation/conservation-projects/details/370840-little-tern-recovery-project)



## Environmental snippets to tempt you into further reading

### Win win for our economy and carbon reduction activities

A report published by the [Energy and Climate Unit](#) states that ‘Since 1992, when governments agreed the UN Convention at the Rio Earth Summit, Britons have become richer, on average, than citizens of any other G7 nation. At the same time, we have reduced our average carbon footprint further than citizens of any other G7 nation’. It links this reduction to the ‘1980s dash for gas’, a move to a more service based economy, efficiency measures and more recently the surge in renewables. The report acknowledges imported goods (emissions from extraction and manufacturing occurring else where) also have a role to play but notes that the proportion of emissions associated with “outsourced” UK consumption has not grown since 2010.

[http://eciu.net/assets/Reports/ECIU\\_Conscious\\_Decoupling.pdf](http://eciu.net/assets/Reports/ECIU_Conscious_Decoupling.pdf)

### Following phones

Anonymised mobile phone data is being used to understand human movement in Bangladesh during natural disasters—this type of research could prove helpful in many disaster planning scenarios including climatic changes which affect the conditions needed to survive and thrive, e.g. fishing, growing crops. <http://climatemigration.org.uk/mobile-network-data-provide-new-insights-on-climate-change-and-migration/>

### New litter Strategy for England published this month

Street cleaning cost local government £778m in 2015/16. A significant portion of this will have been avoidable litter clear-up and the money could have been better spent on vital public services. 81% of people are angry and frustrated by the amount of litter lying all over the country. Last year the RSPCA received over 5,000 phone calls about litter-related incidents affecting animals. This strategy sets a framework for tackling it based around three broad themes “education, enforcement (peer pressure + formal and informal sanctions) and infrastructure”. Within it are some interesting case studies such as: Larkfield Voluntary Litter Code and Fishing for Litter.

[www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/607747/litter-strategy-for-england-2017.pdf](http://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/607747/litter-strategy-for-england-2017.pdf)



### **Great British Spring Clean in Woodbridge**

The Spring Clean took place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>. The event was promoted by Woodbridge Town Council with posters around town, items in the free local press and emails to local schools and organisations. Information was posted on the website of Transition Woodbridge and given at Woodbridge and Deben W.I meetings. Litter picking equipment was supplied by Suffolk Coastal Norse who also collected the bags of litter from the litter picking assembly points.

49 fabulous volunteers took part in 8 litter picking sessions over the 3 days. A total of 40 bags of litter were collected from the following areas in and around Woodbridge:

- the town side of the A12 and Woods Lane from Bredfield Road to the Martlesham Street roundabout
- along the Ipswich Road from The Duke of York pub to the A12 roundabout
- all the town car parks and adjacent streets
- along Quayside , Limekiln Quay and Tidemill Way
- around the library and the Turban Centre
- Houchells Meadow and the adjacent footpaths and nearby shopping parade in Warwick Avenue
- around the Cobbold Road area
- Bredfield Road, Beresford Drive area and nearby open spaces
- Market Hill and adjacent streets
- Castle Street and play area
- around the Boating Pool area.

In town, cigarette ends and other smokers' rubbish, sweet, crisp and drinks cans and plastic bottles were too plentiful. A quantity of glass bottles were collected mostly from under hedges and also many bags of dog poo which should have been put in bins. To quote one volunteer 'I was surprised about the amount of stuff dumped by local people who have seemingly just thrown rubbish over the fence or wall adjacent to their home' and another 'on our route the worst litter spots were the two car parks, at Buttrum's Mill and next to the Fire/Police Station with the latter being the worst'.

It would appear that if Suffolk is to be the 'Greenest County' we all really need to try harder to encourage everyone to care for their local environment and be proud of our lovely part of the country. Article by: Carol Steptoe, [springcleanwoodbridge@gmail.com](mailto:springcleanwoodbridge@gmail.com).



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### Swifts in Woodbridge – please contribute to 2017 survey



Photo David Moreton

Join the [RSPB Woodbridge Local Group](#) for the third year of our campaign to Save Our Swifts. In 2017 we are looking for swift nest sites either in roofs or nest boxes.

From our surveys in 2015 and 2016 we have gathered information from Woodbridge and 10 of the surrounding villages. We have recorded 25 houses with nesting swifts totalling 55 nests.

Observers in Woodbridge, Wickham Market, Saxmundham, Bawdsey, Bredfield, Shottisham, Orford, Hasketon, Snape, Benhall, Sternfield, Great Glemham and Waldringfield are asked to email the following to [woodbridge.swifts@gmail.com](mailto:woodbridge.swifts@gmail.com).

- Sightings of swifts nesting  
Between early May and early August if you see swifts flying at roof level, particularly around the eaves, this could be a nest site. You may see them flying directly into a hole, box or through a loose tile into the nest.
- Sightings of 'screaming parties'. These are the groups of swifts which fly around in a tight group, at or just above roof-top height.

For more information about swifts, swift websites, leaflets to download and meetings, visit [www.rspb.org.uk/groups/woodbridge](http://www.rspb.org.uk/groups/woodbridge). If you would like to provide a home for swifts the group is selling nest boxes for just £20.00 at their RSPB meetings.

As always feel free to circulate the newsletter and send contributions for future ones to [greenissues@eastssuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:greenissues@eastssuffolk.gov.uk). Thanks to all who contributed this time. As ever errors are the editor's (Deborah Wargate) alone.