

Greenprint Forum Newsletter, September 2018



Photo taken by Jason Alexander after a Plastic Action Litter Pick in Felixstowe

Editor's comment

This edition is a short one to say: welcome to our new members, thank you to everyone who remains active on achieving our goals and to let you know of events that are coming up. Thank you to all who have contributed and remember this monthly e-newsletter is most interesting when you are helping inform its content. Email greenissues@eastsuffolk.gov.uk with action you are taking towards our vision and would like to share to inspire others. You are welcome to share and use content. The editor makes no claims or promises about the accuracy, completeness, or adequacy of the contents of this newsletter and expressly disclaims liability for errors and omissions.

Key dates for your diary (for more information read on):

- Saturday 22nd September 10am till 6pm, Fran Crowe: Museum of Beyond
- Wednesday 26th September 6pm till 9.30pm, Greenprint Forum Plastic Action Event
- Sunday 7 October 12 till 4pm, Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Foxburrow Farm Apple Day, Saddlemakers Lane, Melton, Woodbridge, IP12 1NA. Transition Woodbridge will be present with the community apple press.
- Throughout October and November Practical Conservation Tasks with Footprints Volunteers
- Friday 9 November 2018 9am till 1pm, East Suffolk Partnership Forum



Plastics: Know Your Place in the Community

Article by Hannah Taylor

With attendees from 10 different organisations and engagement with approximately 50 people our Plastic Action event at Kirkley Centre can be deemed a success in spreading our vision of a pollution free environment.

We are not enemies of the plastic industry, which provides employment for over 3,900 people in East Anglia. However despite positive applications of plastic as a lightweight and cheap material, it is important to remind ourselves of what can happen during and after use – and the event did just this.

An eye-opening film 'A Plastic Tide' started the event revealing the damage caused by plastic and waste worldwide. This was followed by a talk discussing recycling and waste management in Suffolk. Information stalls from leading local organisations accompanied the event including Suffolk Coasts and Heaths, Suffolk Master Composters, VeGee Deli, Kirkley People's Forum, Essex and Suffolk Water, Green Lady Eco Store and Groundwork.

The event closed with a litter pick around the local community covering ground from Lowestoft beach to CEFAS around Kirkley and finishing at the centre. Volunteers collected 24.7kg of litter and managed to reclaim 0.36kg of this for recycling. Norse collected the waste and the recycling was taken by the Sustainability Officer to rinse and recycle.



Volunteers and event attendees out on community led litter pick

A big thank you to all the stall holders, organisations, staff at Kirkley Centre and those who dropped in to share and spread our vision. Thank you to Norse for collecting the rubbish and your helpful input during the day taking queries.

It is our responsibility to care for our environment and take action against plastic. Visit our website for further information and come see us at our upcoming event on the 26th September at Riverside, 4 Canning Rd, Lowestoft, NR33 0EQ.





Plastic Action, Wednesday 26th September

A change to the schedule—please note and book today.

Email: greenissues@eastsoffolk.gov.uk

Riverside
4 Canning Rd
Lowestoft
NR33 0EQ

Buy long lasting, low environmental impact goods from the Green Lady Eco- Store

Find out about environmental groups and activities in your area.

5.30pm to 6.00pm Registration, food, networking and stalls.

6.00pm to 6.45pm A screening of a Plastic Tide or food, networking and looking at stalls.

7.00pm to 7.15pm Welcome

7.15pm to 7.35pm The Plastics Industry in New Anglia

7.35pm to 8.00pm CEFAS, World Class Science for the Marine and Freshwater Environment

8.30pm to 9.00pm Plastic Action focussed discussion

9.00pm to 9.30pm Stalls and networking

Art. Learning. Sharing. Action.

See micro plastics in an aquarium



The Speakers

Deborah Wargate

The Councils that make up East Suffolk support the Government's national priority for long-term economic growth and improved productivity whilst protecting, enhancing and making sustainable use of our natural environment and enabling communities to be more resilient. Deborah Wargate has long tried to live a low environmental impact life whilst supporting community and business action to improve lives and enhance the environment. Since 2007 she has worked hard to help the councils identify and reduce their environmental impact and through the Greenprint Forum undertake research, attract funding and run projects and events to support community and organisational environmental action. As part of the Greenprint Forum Year of Plastic Action she has been part of 19 community plastic action events, undertaken litter surveys and picks and worked with undergraduate Will Eden on research to understand the plastics industry in New Anglia.

Jason Alexander

A long term wildlife enthusiast, known as The Wildlife Gadget Man, who helps others connect with wildlife through cutting edge technology he has over the last three years become an advocate for action on litter. He has walked countless miles to collect litter himself and has joined in with many groups to help with their activities.

Josie and Fiona

The Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas) is a world leader in marine science and technology, providing innovative solutions for the aquatic environment, biodiversity and food security. Cefas has a team of marine litter scientists and is working on global projects sharing expertise and finding solutions to environmental and socio-economic problems caused by marine litter in the marine environment. Cefas has been longstanding in collecting and monitoring seafloor litter for over 25 years and have been pivotal in policy advice and development. Cefas run a national monitoring programme for Defra measuring microplastic in sediment using a method which allows rapid screening in several matrices by using a fluorescent dye to highlight polymers.

Josie Russell joined Cefas in 2017 as a Marine Litter Scientist and she co-ordinates two European marine litter projects, OceanWise and Clean Atlantic and works on global marine litter monitoring programmes. Previous work in terrestrial waste management for Suffolk County Council build on her experience of leading on waste reduction education and awareness raising. A MSc in Tropical Coastal Management previous work on marine expeditions in Honduras, Tobago, St Lucia and Fiji gave Josie the foundations for her current role. Seeing plastic litter all over the world, including uninhabited tropical islands drives Josie to tackle marine litter and work towards solutions.

Fiona Preston-Whyte; driven by a passion to protect our planet, living with the smallest possible ecological footprint has been Fiona's goal for years. After 7 years travelling the oceans doing climate change research, seeing the visibility of floating plastics in the middle of our oceanic wildernesses, and realising the climate, ecological and long term social impact of our plastic consumption, Fiona joined the Marine Litter team at Cefas as a data analyst in 2018.



Confirmed stall holders

CEFAS

Microplastics—see the problem up close

Groundwork - Keep It Clear

Giveaways and information from Anglian Water to help you reduce the causes and consequences of drain blockages.

The Greenprint Forum—Plastic Action Champion

Alongside Margaret Wyllie’s installation ‘The Rising Tide’ our stall will include past editions of the Greenprint Forum Newsletter, our beach in a box and a table top what goes where recycling reminder as well as a guess the number of cigarettes jar.

Master Composters

How good is your composting knowledge? Test yourself with the Velcro board game. Speak to a Master Composter.

Suffolk Coast and Heaths

Find out what is happening to protect and enhance our precious Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The Broads Authority

The Broads National Park with its scenic waterways, rare wildlife and rich history is looked after by The Broads Authority, find out what they are doing.

The Green Lady Ecostore

This is your chance to ask questions and purchase low impact things that you need or think others may need and want to give them at Christmas.

If I have missed anyone out my apologies do get in touch greenissues@eastsoffolk.gov.uk.





Plastic Action, Wednesday 26th September

Low Impact Menu

Lentil Soup

Carrot & Coriander Soup

(made with Knorr Vegetable Stock Cubes)

French Bread

Carrot Sticks

Cucumber Sticks

Tortilla Chips (Vegan/Vegetarian/Gluten)

Houmas (Vegan/Vegetarian/Gluten)

Tomato Salsa (Vegan/Vegetarian/Gluten)

Tzatziki (Vegetarian/Gluten)

Mini Onion Bhaji (Vegan/Vegetarian)

Olive & Mozzarella Skewer (Vegetarian/Gluten)

Mini Spring Rolls (Vegan/Vegetarian)

Savoury Cheese & Onion Rolls (Vegetarian)

Chocolate & Orange Tart (Vegan/Vegetarian/Gluten)

Apple & Plum Tart (Vegan/Vegetarian)

Bitesize Flapjack (Vegan/Vegetarian)

Bitesize Chocolate Cake (Gluten/Vegetarian)



Fran Crowe: Museum of Beyond

A sea of plastic seen through future eyes...

OPEN DAY

Saturday 22nd September 10am till 6pm



Come and explore The Museum of Beyond
in my vintage horsebox gallery in our garden at Sudbourne

Everyone welcome, just come along!

Activities for children

You can also add your own plastic beach find to the museum.

Free tea, coffee & drinks - but please bring your own mug.

Hope to see you on Saturday!

www.museumofbeyond.org

fran@flyintheface.com

Address: Woodlands, Hyde Park Corner, Sudbourne IP12 2AZ



Annual Forum 2018

The East Suffolk Partnership invites you to “East Suffolk: So much on the horizon!” our Sixth Annual Forum. To book your place please click on the Registration Online button below.

What’s it all about:

Each year the East Suffolk Partnership hosts a conference for representatives from our local communities, voluntary organisations, public services and local businesses. This important event gives us all the opportunity to share our knowledge and expertise and work together to benefit our communities and businesses in East Suffolk.

Our theme this year is “East Suffolk: So much on the horizon!” and will provide an opportunity to “take a breath” during this time of rapid change to look at the potential ups and downs of living in east Suffolk – both now and in the future.

For more information or to book go to:

www.eelga.gov.uk/events/east_suffolk_partnership_annual_forum_2018/



Footprints Volunteers

3th Oct	Sutton Heath	All Sutton Heath and Upper Hollesley Common dates
4th Oct	Sutton Heath	will involve removal of young Birch and Pine trees.
11th Oct	Sutton Heath	
17th Oct	Sutton Heath	
18th Oct	Sutton Heath	
25th Oct	Sutton Heath	
26th Oct	Sutton Heath	
31st Oct	Sutton Heath	

For more information or to book contact Chris.ryde@eastsuffolk.gov.uk 07717 888723



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