

Greenprint Forum Newsletter – Spring/Summer 2021

As gardeners get digging and planting it's a good time of the year to get into the composting habit if you haven't already done so. The Suffolk Waste Partnership has relaunched its popular compost bin promotion to make compost bins and other food digesters available at discounted prices to support this most environmentally friendly way of dealing with garden and organic waste – with the added benefit of free, organic compost easing pressure on our vital peat bogs. For details of all the discounted items available to Suffolk households through the offer, and to order, please visit <http://www.getcomposting.com/> or call **0844 571 4444**.

You may be interested to hear that the Government has just announced its [Peat Action Plan](#) which mentions an intention to consult on banning the sale of peat to the amateur market this parliament and to consult on phasing out horticultural use of peat later in 2021. When I see any consultations being launched I will of course share with you.

Is there a Hedgehog Highway to your garden?

Hedgehogs should be active in gardens once again. If you're lucky enough to have hedgehogs in your neighbourhood, it's a good idea to ensure they can access your garden as they need an expansive foraging range to track down and devour their natural diet of minibeasts. For guidance on other ways to help wildlife and bring your garden to life see Suffolk Wildlife Trust: [Wildlife gardening | Suffolk Wildlife Trust](#)



Let's SCRAP flytipping



YOUR DUTY OF CARE

- S**uspect ALL waste carriers
- C**heck with the Environment Agency on 03708 506 506 that the provider taking your waste away is registered
- R**efuse unexpected offers to have waste taken away
- A**sk what will happen to your waste
- P**aperwork should be obtained – get a full receipt

Let's S.C.R.A.P. fly tipping
suffolkrecycling.org.uk/fly-tipping

Suffolk recycles Environment Agency

Returning briefly to the subject of waste, in response to rising levels of flytipping (not just in Suffolk but nationwide), the SWP are also relaunching the SCRAP campaign to raise awareness of the Duty of Care we all have towards our waste to help prevent flytipping by following the SCRAP code. There will be regular and frequent posts on the subject from the Suffolk Recycles social media channels with the hashtag #SCRAPflytipping - anything you are able to do to support this campaign is very much appreciated. Please feel free to share posts on your own social media pages or community Facebook groups you're a part of. Also please feel free to encourage others in your community to share and help spread the word.

Read on for a project update from Quiet Lanes Suffolk, community action for wildlife in Bredfield, the new Use it All project in Lowestoft, citizen science and action on litter in Felixstowe, Rendlesham's Climate Action Strategy, and more.



Nature First Forum

On 22 March we held an online Forum to celebrate some of the regional and local initiatives to restore and preserve habitats and promote connectivity, sharing knowledge and inspiring others to take grass roots action.

This was our first attempt at holding a Greenprint Forum event online, and we were delighted to be accompanied by an attendance of 58 including individual members of the Greenprint Forum as well as representatives of 19 organisations and members of the general public.

A key point emphasised by so many of our stellar speakers was the importance of involving people. Projects like those talked about really need the support of the community – early engagement to explain the vision is important not only to identify potential volunteers but also to identify and address concerns people may have before a project starts, and emerging projects benefit from a preparation to be flexible and alter plans to accommodate the wishes of the community in case the initial proposal proves not to be quite what they would want.

As was mentioned near the end of the session, we'd be keen to hear from those of you who might be interested in gathering information on species present in those public open spaces that East Suffolk Council are now leaving to grow during the growing season to encourage wildflowers and pollinators. As part of this, volunteers could potentially also act as community champions for the concept of rewilding to help spread the word on the benefits and gently counter misconceptions that people might have, to help maintain and improve community acceptance of efforts to share space with nature. If you're interested in finding out more as this takes shape, please drop me a line greenissues@east Suffolk.gov.uk

The session was recorded and a link to the recording, as well to the individual powerpoint presentations provided by speakers, and a fuller report into the session, are all now available via our webpage:

[Past events » East Suffolk Council](#)



Update on Quiet Lanes Suffolk

This project, co-funded by Greenprint, East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council and spearheaded by Greenprint's former Chair Andrew Cassy has been gathering momentum. We arrived at a major new milestone in March with the successful designation of the first new Quiet Lanes under this project and since the establishment of the original 13 lanes in the AONB during 2013/14.



We were delighted at the news that this March that four lanes in Snape are now designated Quiet Lanes, along with a further three in Glemsford. Three of the Lead Volunteers from the QLS team from Snape, Glemsford and Bentley trialled the 'self-help' model in Phase 1 of the project which was then refined for the parishes designating lanes in Phase 2. Snape and Glemsford have had their Quiet Lanes legally designated and Quiet Lanes signs installed in March 2021. Bentley and 15 other parishes joined the first Phase 2 group "Wave 1" and have completed their public consultations and wait for the legal designation of their proposed 51 lanes. There are over 300 further lanes proposed for subsequent "Waves" in Phase 2, with up to 140 new designations being nominated in East Suffolk.

The project has also launched a brand new public-facing website [Quiet Lanes Suffolk | What is a Quiet Lane?](#) to support an education campaign to boost recognition amongst drivers that these lanes are also used for non-motorised travel and that drivers, as advised by the Highway Code, should expect to consider the needs of walkers, cyclists, and horse riders (and of course users of mobility scooters, and even farmers herding their livestock between fields), when using these lanes.

There has also been exciting progress on the satnav front, with contact being made with the QLS volunteer team from a data mapping organisation who supply motoring organisations and fitness apps with relevant information. They are looking to use the quiet lane data to alert drivers that they must have 'hands on the wheel' when navigating through an officially designated quiet lane for use in automated vehicle technology, known as 'driver assist' safety feature. Watch this space for further details.

QLS are always looking for volunteers to support other parishes through the process and have recently recruited one of the parish lead volunteers to join the QLS team. The team would love to hear from anyone who would be interested in helping as a volunteer so please spread the word to anyone you think might fit the bill.

quietlanessuffolk@gmail.com

[Quiet Lanes Suffolk | Facebook](#)





Bredfield

Wildlife Friendly Village

In March 2021, Bredfield Parish Council and local residents launched a community environmental project: **Bredfield Wildlife-Friendly Village**. We were assisted by a grant from East Suffolk's Community Partnerships. Our vision is that Bredfield's green spaces and gardens will be places where wildlife thrives. We will join with other villages and organisations to promote learning about wildlife preservation and help create a network of wildlife-friendly havens.

There are three aspects to our project:

- **Wildlife-friendly gardening.** The biodiversity in Bredfield's gardens is far greater than in the surrounding fields; an environmental resource worth maintaining and improving.
- **Wildlife-friendly green spaces.** Bredfield already has a great community resource in its Jubilee Meadow and Orchard, with its rich array of flora and fauna. Our project will create wildlife friendly patches and margins in other village green spaces.
- **Wildlife-friendly learning.** Wildlife-friendly practice is fostered by wildlife-friendly learning: appreciating the benefits of wildlife and the threat of its depletion; knowing which flowers and plants are wildlife-friendly; learning how best to nurture wildlife and provide space for it. In particular, we will use the project and our green spaces as resources that school children and others can use.

COVID-19 restrictions hindered the launch of this project. Events such as community meetings, that we would otherwise have used, could not take place. Instead, we relied largely on virtual means of communication. We have a website that contains lots of information, advice, resources, features and news. [Please visit the website](#) and get in touch via the 'Contact Us' page. We also have a [Facebook page](#), including an active Group Page.

As restrictions eased, we held our first event. On 11 April, six residents - three adults and three of the next generation - created a wildflower patch in the grounds of our village church. We sowed a range of wildflowers and wild grasses. Save for the odd watering, all we have to do now is wait for nature to take its course.

When shaping our wildlife-friendly village project, we spoke to Adrian at Felixstowe Community Nature Reserve, and Sophie at Risby Wildlife Friendly Village. Both were very helpful and we consider Risby to be our 'sister project' in the west of the county. It is our wish to become part of a growing network of green communities: sharing knowledge and experiences; and moving towards the creation of larger green spaces and wildlife corridors.

Stewart Belfield



Citizen Science!

Felixstowe's Citizen Science Group was founded in April 2018. Its aim is to complete data collections and analysis on behalf of our Community Nature Reserve.

Citizen Science of any kind is simply when local people start asking questions about their environment. In Felixstowe, our 35 Citizen Science members decide on new projects about three months ahead of completion. That gives us enough time to plan and organise our work. Recent examples of these activities are available on our Facebook page.

In response to our information shared through social media, we have received positive feedback from citizen scientists, Ecologists and Geographers from all over the UK including Oxford University and Imperial College London. We also recently welcomed to Felixstowe an MSc student from Copenhagen University who wanted to take a detailed look at what we do.

Soon after we began, Felixstowe's Citizen Science Group became a Network Supporter of the European Citizen Science Association. That means we get to share the results of our work with a far wider readership! We also have the opportunity to participate in an exciting variety of European projects. Examples include a video we made which appeared in a Berlin conference a few months ago. It is also exciting and encouraging when European citizen scientists include our work as case studies in their presentations.

In North America, Communities magazine had been kind enough to publish articles about our work in Felixstowe. We have also made a podcast recording for California's Sustainability Network.

One of our biggest challenges over the last year had been coronavirus and the need to maintain social distancing. However, through the use of Zoom, Skype and email, we have continued to produce one new project each month.

In 2021, we have plans to produce more wildlife surveys. Those will be shared on our Facebook page in the form of graphs and maps. We also want to complete a new Impact Analysis on behalf of Felixstowe's Community Nature Reserve

For more information about the work of Felixstowe's Citizen Science Group, or the Felixstowe Community Nature Reserve, see our Facebook pages:

[Felixstowe Citizen Science Group | Facebook](#) [Felixstowe's Community Nature Reserve | Facebook](#)

The results of the Impact Analysis carried out by the Felixstowe Citizen Science Group for the Community Nature Reserve can be viewed here:

[Impact Analysis May 2020 - YouTube](#)

8 minute documentary featuring interviews with some of our members [NATURE AND COMMUNITY | FELIXSTOWE'S COMMUNITY NATURE RESERVE - YouTube](#)

2 minute explanation of the Community Nature Reserve: [Boosting Biodiversity with a Community Nature Reserve! - YouTube](#)

Dr Adrian Cooper



Large red damselfly. Image: Dr Adrian Cooper



Community-wide Carbon Reduction Support

The Suffolk Climate Change Partnership, together with delivery partner Groundwork East, are looking for communities across Suffolk to register their interest in a brand-new service that will support residents to reduce their carbon footprint and save money on their energy bills.

We have two levels of support available:

1. Full – We will carry out a desktop survey of your community and set a suitable carbon reduction target. Our Green Champions will then visit your community to raise awareness and engage residents, and your community will have access to a dedicated advisor to provide in-depth advice. Our Green Champions will then make a follow-up visit a few months later and we will provide you with an engagement plan to sustain interest. We have an extremely limited number of communities we can offer full support to and will operate on a first come first serve basis so please get in touch as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.
2. Light – In our light package, we provide a more hands-off approach by providing you with all the tools you need to engage the community and request that you facilitate a before and after survey to allow us to track progress. This approach is more suited to communities with an already active green group, or another community action group. We have an extremely limited number of communities we can offer light support to and will operate on a first come first serve basis so please get in touch as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

All the actions recommended will be no to low cost (less than £500), although additional support can be given where householders are particularly interested in specific higher cost measures such as heat pumps, or solar panels.

To discuss in more detail and to register your interest, please contact Sarah Gill on 07720 098980 or sarah.gill@groundwork.org.uk

Sarah Gill



Correspondence with Westminster

Our correspondence with Westminster, conducted jointly by our Jane Healey along with Chair of the ESC [Environment Task Group](#) James Mallinder, has continued with a further letter sent to Defra flagging our concerns on issues that have an adverse effect on biodiversity, including fireworks, sky lanterns, balloons, and the relaxation of government policy on neonicotinoids. We have also had a reply from Defra from our previous letter and you can read these letters, and all of the prior correspondence, here: [ETG Work so Far](#) and when we get a reply to our latest letter we will upload it there as well.



Use It All

re-use re-pair re-cycle

Use It All means getting the maximum use out of resources and is the name of a new project of the Most Easterly Community Group [Most Easterly Community Group | Facebook](#) in Lowestoft, whose focus is on the areas surrounding the High Street and North Lowestoft Heritage Action Zone, and Use It All launches in June 2021.

We want to make our area the best at all things green and the main themes of the project are:

- Re-Use - then pass it on, sell it on
- Repair - by you or a shop or a Men's Shed
- Re-purpose - upcycle, find a different use
- Recycle - blue bin, green bin, Terracycling, shops and supermarkets
- Reduction - energy use, water use, carbon footprint

We're focussing on recycling at the start, in particular getting the right things into the right bin.

We want to collaborate with organisations and agencies to make a sustained effort at informing and enthusing residents in all things waste - from reducing litter to energy-reduction use in the home, from where to recycle to how to repair.

Local is the key. Keeping local businesses and residents informed and up-to-date about what they can do to make the area the best at energy use and the best at carbon reduction, and why.

Use It All will have a regular Terracycling Collection Point on the Triangle Market, and in the High Street, and ask local businesses to help by collecting crisp packets and wrappers and the like.

Our website www.useitall.org has an interactive Recycle Map – where you can easily search for bottle banks, clothing and textiles banks, and much more. It's local. We will add to it as we find new locations. The aim is to make it as comprehensive and accurate as possible.

Working with other organisations we aim to have local events on the theme of energy use and carbon reduction, helping raise understanding of Climate Change and how anyone and everyone has to do their bit.

We hope this will add to our sense of community, and if you would like to support the project or need more information email us at info@useitall.org

John Ellerby



Keeping Felixstowe Litter Free

Litter-Free Felixstowe, a community interest group dedicated to tackling litter in all areas across the town now has over 1000 members. Under the Covid restrictions, all the group's equipment has been lent out to volunteers to allow them to litter-pick on their own individual walks. The active involvement of so many people, including children, is making a fantastic difference in diverse areas including the beach, woodland, parks, seafront gardens and the town centre. A great deal of historic litter has been removed and some public areas have become completely litter-free.

As Lockdown restrictions have eased, it has become apparent through media reports that littering has increased across the UK. On roads and in lay-bys, in particular, the level of rubbish has reached unprecedented levels. Litter-Free Felixstowe has, therefore, started a new initiative, working with haulage companies to raise awareness of the problems. Companies have been encouraged to sign the 'Litter-Free pledge' which commits them to keeping their own premises litter-free and incorporating the anti-litter message into company policies and training manuals. Ports, including Felixstowe, have also shown support by attaching the aims of the group to every vehicle booking. This has meant that thousands of members of the logistics industry see the message each day. Sir David Attenborough has already sent a hand-written note to support this national campaign.

Litter-Free Felixstowe is also continuing to work with East Suffolk Council and East Suffolk Norse working in the community to raise awareness. In addition, online school lessons have been offered and schools across the country have been shown the Litter-Free Felixstowe film featuring young, local volunteers and aimed at primary-aged children. Pupils listen to the two Litter-Free Felixstowe books 'Just One Child' and 'Just One World' by Debbie Bartlett which then leads to a teacher-led discussion about the environment. Education is very important and the response has been very encouraging with schools as far away as Yorkshire taking up the offer.

The group is looking forward to a time when volunteers can get together again and a 'Litter-Free Day' has been declared on 4 July when a litter-pick will take place around the Pier in Felixstowe. There are also plans for a music event involving up to 30 local children singing a song to encourage others to get involved. Clearly, as Litter-Free Felixstowe continues to grow, summer months are expected to be very active.

[Litter-free Felixstowe | Facebook](#)

Debbie Bartlett



Launch of LFF's Litter Free Pledge with supporters from the haulage sector at the Port on Earth Day 22 April. Photos: Pat Stockley



A Climate Action Strategy for Rendlesham

Since declaring a Climate Emergency in September 2019 the Climate Emergency Working Group of Rendlesham Parish Council have been working on a Climate Action Strategy. An acknowledgment of emergency status does little to tackle the problem but by using the principles of mitigation, adaptation and leadership a comprehensive plan of how Rendlesham will respond to the climate and ecological crisis has been created as an appropriate response.

The pandemic made public consultation much more difficult, however the Group were clear that the integrity of the Strategy lay in 'inclusive engagement with residents' ensuring that 'changes made are sustainable'. Action on Climate change will affect the lives of everyone and requires maximum engagement so it is crucial that it has wide-ranging acceptance. A second round of consultation with residents, local businesses, groups and other stakeholders happily resulted in no negative feedback but praise and support from national and county leaders, long standing and influential business people and most importantly residents.

The Climate Action Strategy for Rendlesham is a 40 point plan covering Decision-making, Land Use, Protection of the Vulnerable, Buildings, Waste, Transport, Power, Raising Money and Influencing Others. It forms an underpinning policy for some of the important work Rendlesham Parish Council are already doing to protect and enhance nature and sets out specific measures for carbon reduction, responsible use of resources and a transparent and inclusive way of working. The strategy also considers future plans and developments in the village and sets the expectation that these should be climate-friendly and connecting the needs of the village with the needs of the Planet.

The delays encountered due to global events have meant that every word of the Strategy has been evaluated, it truly has had the fine tooth comb treatment and the final version has evolved from a process of rewording, reordering and reshaping. The Climate Emergency Working Group are extremely proud of this document and are delighted that Rendlesham Parish Council members unanimously approved its adoption in full by Full Council on 4 May.

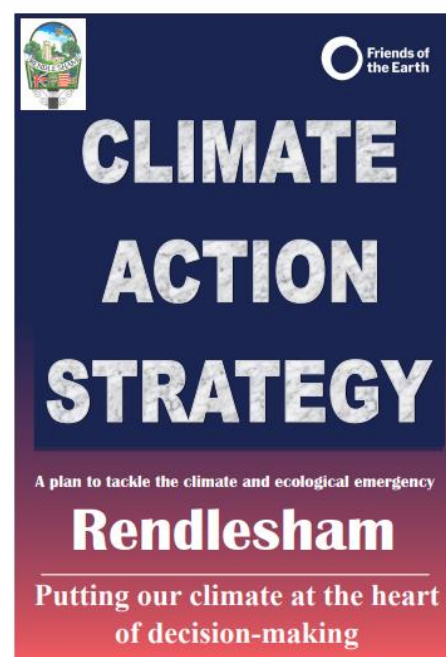
The Working Group would love to speak to other Groups, Committees and Councils developing Climate Strategies and hope to welcome representatives at the next meeting (TBC). In East Suffolk there is a long tradition of environmental care and concern, it's crucial that this translates at Local Authority level and the Climate and Ecological Emergencies are given central and focused attention with appropriate resources and funding. By working together our efforts are exponentially strengthened.

The Climate Action Strategy for Rendlesham is available to download via this link:

[Rendlesham Climate Action Strategy](#)

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ON A KNIFE EDGE

“On a Knife Edge – Nature in Peril UK” is an important exhibition curated and hosted by the Lettering Arts Trust to highlight the plight of some of our endangered species, flora, fauna and habitats.

From **9 July to 7 November 2021**, 28 of the UK’s foremost lettering artists present their personal responses to the [State of Nature Report](#). The title of the exhibition is also a nod to the precious heritage craft of hand letter cutting - a declining art form for which the Lettering Arts Trust, as a charity, is dedicated to sustain. The artists will present works depicting endangered animals, plants and natural habitats, which as a compelling collection serves to illustrate and highlight the need to conserve and protect our precious environment.

This mixed media exhibition features stone carving, calligraphy, etching and woodcarving. Each work demands closer investigation into its topic.

Lynne Alexander, the curator for “On A Knife Edge” comments:

“The Lettering Arts Trust is presenting the “On A Knife Edge” exhibition as a ‘call to action’ using art as the vehicle to bring it home to visitors and the wider population that it’s not too late to change our habits and live in synergy with nature, whilst helping to highlight the devastating consequences of doing nothing. It is clear that lettering artists, as a community, feel strongly about this topic and are using their craft to voice their concerns. I have been particularly heartened by their responses; the subjects they have chosen – and of course the skill displayed in executing their ideas.”

The exhibition will also host Wild Little Letters workshops in collaboration with Suffolk Wildlife Trust, involving a visit to Snape Maltings conservation area to pick up interesting material then come back to the gallery and a lettering artist will help participants form letters from their finds.

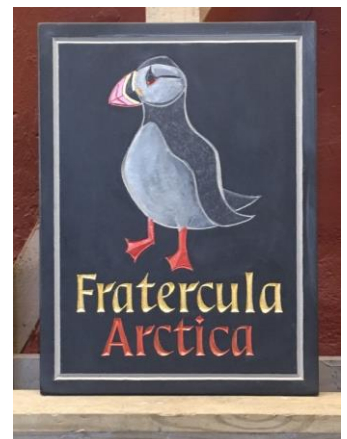
There are opportunities during the exhibition for community groups to hold a private view for their members or people they’d like to host as prospective funders. If you would like to organise a private viewing for your group, would like to speak on your subject at one of the Trust’s Coffee & Culture mornings, if anyone would like to speak on their subject it would be welcome, or would like to highlight your project during the exhibition, please contact:

Lynne Alexander, curator, exhibitions and education manager
Lynne@letteringartstrust.org.uk 01728 688393

The exhibition is free to view and the opening details are as follows:

9 July to 7 November 2021
11.00am to 5.00pm. Open 7 days a week (Monday to Sunday)
The Lettering Arts Centre, Snape Maltings, Snape, Suffolk IP17 1SP

www.letteringartstrust.org.uk



Above 'Fratercula Arctica' or Atlantic or Common Puffin by artist Bernard Johnson



Left 'Empty Nests' Sparrow Nest by artist Jo Sweeting



Keeping on top of litter as lockdown eases

As we come out of lock down, East Suffolk is very much open for business and we welcome visitors and residents alike to enjoy our wonderful landscapes. From the deepest forests to our shingle beaches and everything in-between, much of our landscape is AONB designated giving it clear significance to the UK's biodiversity. However with increased numbers of visitors comes an increase in litter. Not an issue unique to east Suffolk, but we notice it as we care about our surrounding environments.

Much of our landscape includes rivers and the sea – even more of a reason to be litter free as litter quickly migrates via surface water drainage systems to natural water courses where it slowly fragments into microplastics creating a huge threat to marine life and eventually will enter our food chain.

More than two million pieces of litter are dropped in the UK every day and cost to the taxpayers for street cleaning is over £1 billion a year. It is a complex issue ranging through excessive packaging, our desire to graze on food, to lack of personal responsibility. We all have a role to play in dealing with litter and East Suffolk very much takes a proactive position in dealing with this problem.

Discussions have taken place with town councils to make sure bins are in the right place and frequency of collections will increase. A balance needs to be reached, rows of bins can be just as unsightly as litter.

This year we have three locations where we are piloting new street scene recycling bins in Aldeburgh, Felixstowe and Southwold. So do keep an eye open for these bins. Even if some visitors don't always recycle right it's important to give them the choice to make the right decision.

This year also sees ESC trial new hi-tech bin sensors across a number of bins located in laybys and remote locations. The sensors monitor the bin fill levels and will send an alert once a pre-set level has been reached. This not only enables the Council to know when a bin needs to be emptied, but it also supports its environmental commitment as it reduces wasted trips to check on bins that do not need to be emptied, thus reducing our carbon emissions.

Small but significant changes that will tackle the litter concerns across our district and of course contribute to the bigger challenge of dealing with our climate emergency.

I wish to personally thank all those of you are either plastic champions, organisers of litter picks or just pick up litter on your daily walks. Your help and support is really crucial and is vital in our fight against litter. So a big thank you. And a key message to pass on to others is "If a public bin is already full, please do the right thing, either dispose of it in a nearby bin or take it home with you and dispose of in your household bin. Small actions make a big difference, and we must all continue to do our bits to help keep East Suffolk beautiful."

Together we can tackle this problem and keep East Suffolk as the environmental heart of the UK.

James Mallinder



“Katch” a lift on an electric taxi



Suffolk County Council has launched Katch, a new sustainable electric taxi-bus service in east Suffolk, to transport people between Framlingham, Wickham Market and the station at Camosea Ashe to meet their rail connections.

With support from East Suffolk Council, Katch delivers on the commitment Suffolk councils have made to grow the region’s passenger transport in a sustainable way, and to play their part in cutting carbon to help reach the Government’s ambition of zero emissions by 2050 and Suffolk County Council’s own target of being carbon neutral by 2030. Up to 8 passengers can share the totally electric taxi-bus fitted with USB ports and air conditioning, but produces no emissions.

The Katch taxi-bus service is available 7 days a week from 06.30 to 22.30 Monday to Saturday and 09.00 to 19.00 on Sunday. All journeys must be booked in advance either via downloading the Katch app or by calling 01728 55 44 55. The cost of a return journey is £7.



The service launched as a trial for 12 months **from Monday 17 May 2021**. If it proves a success and is regularly used by rail passengers and commuters, Suffolk County Council is keen to facilitate further schemes across the county.

For further information about Katch, please visit www.katchlift.com



Suffolk County Council launches Ipswich’s first Park & Cycle initiative

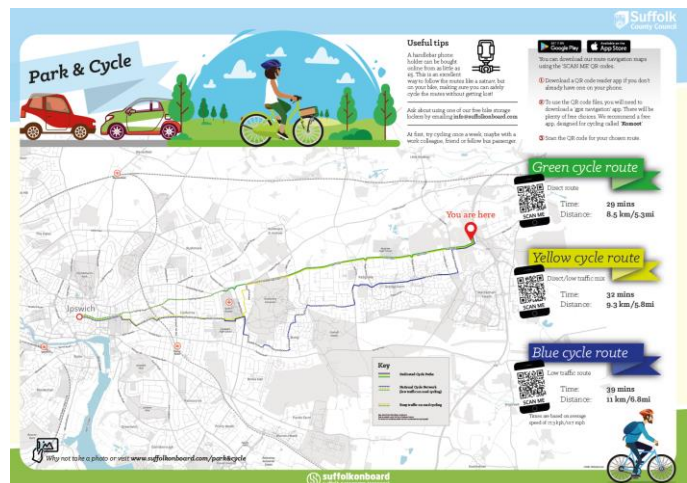
Commuters are now welcome to park at Martlesham Park & Ride site for free and cycle into Ipswich Town Centre.

Working in partnership with First Eastern Counties, the Park & Ride site has put in place a cycle map which details three routes into the centre of Ipswich, and there is a route suitable for every ability:

- Green route – direct route into the town centre 29 mins – 8.5km / 5.3 miles
- Yellow route – direct / low traffic route into the town centre 32 mins – 9.3km / 5.8 miles
- Blue route – low traffic route into the town centre 39 mins – 11km / 6.8 miles

(Travel times based on average speed of 17.3kmh)

As part of the scheme, there is also available for use Sheffield covered bike stands, and 24-hr security patrols complemented by CCTV coverage for bikes left over night.



To find out more details visit Suffolk on Board - Martlesham Park & Cycle and follow @suffolkonboard on Twitter.



The Way to Go Suffolk

Local Links and Suffolk Spokes have merged together to create Suffolk County Council's new travel brand – The Way to Go Suffolk.

The new website and Twitter pages bring together all elements of sustainable travel, from walking, cycling, the use of public transport and car sharing in the county.

It will also include elements such as electric vehicles, survey data and Travel Plans for schools, developers and businesses in Suffolk.

If you would like to leave feedback please email thewaytogosuffolk@suffolk.gov.uk

@TWTGSuffolk

[The Way To Go Suffolk](https://www.thewaytogosuffolk.co.uk)



Rewilding continues to take root in East Suffolk

Following on from the popularity of last year's initiative, Pardon the Weeds We're Feeding the Bees, to reduce mowing at 40 sites across the district managed by East Suffolk Norse on behalf of ESC, a further 60 verges and public open spaces have been added making around 100 sites where the grass and wildflowers are now allowed to grow through the spring and summer followed by a mow in September.

In addition the policy has been expanded to the closed churchyards and cemeteries that ESC manage, and across the wider grounds maintenance service the use of glyphosates has reduced by 45%. The Council's base at Melton is also benefitting from a new wildflower bed, bird nest boxes, and insect shelters to add to the swift nest boxes erected at the instigation of the Greenprint Forum a few years ago.

And it's not just ESC leading the way – for example, Felixstowe Town Council has recently designated the verges along one of the roads it is responsible for, Langley Avenue, as a place where the grass and wildflowers will be permitted to flourish.

Community support for these initiatives is crucial. If you enjoy having an area near you being "rewilded" by your local council or indeed another organisation please show them your support by dropping them a quick email to help them understand the balance of local opinion, and encourage other like minded people to do the same.



Above: wildflowers in bloom at East Suffolk House (James Mallinder)

Below: verges set aside for nature at Langley Avenue



Defra waste collection consultation

Defra are consulting on specific policy proposals for increasing consistency in recycling collected from households, businesses and other organisations:

[Consistency in Household and Business Recycling in England - Defra - Citizen Space](#)

Closing date 4 July 2021



Dates for the diary

Leiston Give and Take Day – Friday 28 May 9am-3pm – Leiston Community Centre, King Georges Avenue
[Leiston-Give-and-Take-flyer-28-May-2021.pdf \(eastsuffolk.gov.uk\)](#)

Workshop event - 'Creating a carbon net-zero visitor economy in Suffolk' Friday 28 May 10am -12.30
Stakeholders and practitioners from across the visitor economy in Suffolk including those in travel, hospitality, retail, leisure, culture, heritage and countryside are invited to contribute to this strategic workshop from Suffolk Growth. Find out more and book now:
[Suffolk Growth workshop: Creating a Carbon Net Zero and environmentally friendly Visitor Economy in Suffolk](#)

Ecological Connectivity Conservation Webinar – 1 June 4pm-6pm
This webinar from the IUCN National Committee brings together international, national and local expertise in ecological connectivity conservation, together with a representative of business interests in this field. It will examine how to deliver outcomes from the Lawton Report, England's 25 year plan and nature networks and how the principles can be applied in the corporate sector: [Ecological Connectivity Conservation Tickets, Tue 1 Jun 2021 at 16:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Selected wider current or forthcoming campaigns worth being aware of to reference in your own messaging:

- National Walking month 1 – 31 May - [National Walking Month | Living Streets](#)
- Walk to School Week 17 – 21 May - [Walk to School Week | Living Streets](#)
- Water Saving Week 17 – 21 May - [wsw – Waterwise](#)
- World Bee Day 20 May - [World Bee Day | United Nations](#)
- International Day for Biodiversity 22 May – [International Day for Biological Diversity](#)
- Great British Spring Clean 28 May – 13 June - [Great British Spring Clean | Keep Britain Tidy](#)
- Bike Week 30 May – 5 June - [Bike Week 2021 30 May - 5 June | Cycling UK](#)
- 30 Days Wild 1-30 June - [30 Days Wild from The Wildlife Trusts | Facebook](#)
- World Environment Day 5 June - [World Environment Day](#)
- World Ocean Day 8 June - [World Ocean Day](#)
- Clean Air Day 17 June - [Clean Air Day - the UK's largest clean air campaign](#) – if you are a teacher or educator and are looking for teaching resources on the theme of air quality there are some available from East Suffolk Council: [Air pollution lesson resources » East Suffolk Council](#)
- Moth Night 8-10 July [Welcome to Moth Night 2021 - Moth Night](#)
- International Bat Night 28-29 August - [International Bat Night | UNEP/EUROBATS](#)



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Closing note from Editor

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