



Parish Report – August 2021

East Suffolk Council GLI Group - Councillor update

Changing Places Fund open for applications

Government has provisionally allocated East Suffolk £100-110k of the £30m national Changing Places Fund. Currently provision of Changing Place facilities in East Suffolk is limited to Felixstowe, Leiston and Bungay. Local authorities have been asked to focus on projects which have match funding and are being planned / ready for delivery over the next few years (funding ends 2023). East Suffolk Council is currently completing an Expression of Interest, due on Sept 26th, and is looking for projects in development that could benefit from the Fund. A link to the survey can be found at the link below:

<https://eu.surveymonkey.com/r/G63PSZV>

Sizewell C Desalination Plant consultation open for responses

EDF have announced another consultation on a temporary desalination plant to be installed at Sizewell C. The consultation is open until August 27th and can be found at the link below:

<https://www.edfenergy.com/energy/nuclear-new-build-projects/sizewell-c/consultation-construction-water-supply-strategy>

Melton Hill former council offices for sale

The former council offices on Melton Hill in Woodbridge have been empty for five years and the 3.23-acre site is now being offered for sale to provide much-needed housing in this popular area. The site is being marketed by Beckland Property Consultancy and Brown & Co and interested developers should contact them directly for more information. Contact details can be found at

www.brown-co.com

Grandpads Loan Scheme set to continue

ESC has extended the Grandpad Loan Scheme for a further 12 months. The scheme is aimed at tackling social isolation amongst older residents or those struggling to use technology, particularly those who have little or no contact with loved ones or the outside world due to a lack of Wi-Fi, equipment and/or skills.

175 Grandpads are now available to be lent (free of charge) to socially isolated older residents across the district. The devices, specifically designed around the need of older adults, include unlimited 4G internet, 24/7 personalised care and unlimited minutes, so users can easily make phone calls at no extra costs. To nominate an eligible person for a Grandpad or for more information, people should email communities@eastsoffolk.gov.uk or call 01502 523119.

- Grants allocated under the Nature First scheme with a total spend of £6170 include:



- Community hedgelaying training in Waldringfield.
- Pine tree nature garden in Lowestoft.
- Growing and learning together raised beds and nature lessons at Beccles Primary Academy.
- Courtyard wildlife garden at Bungay Community Library.
- Thomas Mills School swift project in Aldeburgh.
- Orchard at Dip Farm Green Space in Gunton.
- Saxmundham Green Team volunteer equipment

South Lowestoft and Kirkley Conservation Management Area consultation open

Residents, businesses and property owners in Lowestoft are invited to comment on a reappraised management plan for the South Lowestoft and Kirkley Conservation Area. The South Lowestoft and Kirkley Conservation Area Management Plan has recently been reviewed and updated. It provides a history of the area, identifies what features make a positive or negative contribution to the special character of the Conservation Area, reviews the boundary, and makes recommendations for its future enhancement. The consultation is open until 26th August and is available at the link below: www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/design-and-conservation/conservation-areas/south-lowestoft-and-kirkley-caa/

Leiston Transport Strategy

Leiston residents are invited to give their views on a proposed Leiston Transport Strategy. Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council, working in partnership with East Suffolk Council, is currently running a consultation on the proposals: www.leistontowncouncil.gov.uk/leistontransportstrategy/ Responses can be sent to feedback@leistontowncouncil.gov.uk or through the online feedback form by 30 August 2021.

East Suffolk Council reaffirms commitment to Afghan refugees

On Wednesday 18 August, the Government announced its new resettlement scheme for Afghan refugees. Whilst the full details are yet to be confirmed, East Suffolk Council is fully committed to assisting refugees resettle in Suffolk. In East Suffolk, accommodation is already being offered under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP), supporting interpreters who have worked with the British Armed Forces and those who have worked in the British Embassy.

The most up to date news releases concerning Council Services can be found at

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk

All Government advice and guidance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>