

Greenprint Forum Newsletter spring 2026

Save the date! Friday 12 June, 13:30

This will be the date of our main Forum connected with our 30th anniversary. All are welcome to join us that afternoon, at the Market Hall in Saxmundham, for a session to inspire a vision for a sustainable Suffolk, with speakers to include:

- Christine Luxton, Chief Executive Officer of Suffolk Wildlife Trust;
- Clare Matterson, local volunteer with Wild About Campsea and Director General of the Royal Horticultural Society;
- David Wolfe, Wakelyns Organic Agroforestry;
- Fiona Quinn, Head of Environmental Services for East Suffolk Council

The session will include an interactive element, and registration is open now via <https://bit.ly/4sTUKio>

We've just completed our first two workshops of the year, in Lowestoft and Melton - we are grateful to all those who attended and contributed to our discussions. Slides from the presentations at these workshops are available now via [April presentations](#), and a more complete report will follow in due course.



Also in April, we attended a beach clean with Litter Free Lowestoft and the Town Council who were launching a new plastic free-initiative in the town, [Plastic Free Communities](#). We also attended the Green Day at the Church of St Marks in Oulton Broad, and the screening of the film People's Emergency Briefing in Beccles (of which there are several scheduled across Suffolk this year, especially in the east - for details of community screenings visit: <https://www.nebriefing.org/>





Nature First small grants

If your group or organisation is planning a project that enhances, promotes, or otherwise benefits biodiversity, you might wish benefit from our small grants scheme **Nature First**, which is aimed at releasing small grants of a few hundred pounds to a thousand pounds or so to enable grass roots action for nature of the scale that can make a difference locally.

The grant scheme remains open and more information, guidance, and the application form are all available via <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environmental-services/east-suffolk-greenprint-forum/nature-first-small-grants-scheme>

A couple of reports about projects, one in Yoxford and one in Wenhaston, that have recently received this funding, are showcased in this edition.

You can see the full list of projects funded by visiting this environmental dashboard on the council's website: [Environmental Impact](#)

End of grant report: Donkey Meadow

*Greenprint Forum and Community Partnerships Grant Report
10/02/2026*

The Greenprint Forum's small grant scheme Nature First and the Community Partnership for Framlingham, Wickham Market, Kelsale, Yoxford and Villages jointly awarded £2000 to Yoxford Town Land Trust's Donkey Meadow Project on 16 January 2025. This funding has really helped enormously in kick-starting the Donkey Meadow project.

Perhaps the most important element of the grant covered urgent tree work. This was undertaken by (the late) Charlie Morphey who used the £800 grant money available to pay his colleagues to fell a number of sycamores that were leaning towards the neighbouring property, also to make safe some ash tree branches overhanging the public footway, and to clear two dead trees that had already fallen across the river or were in danger of doing so. Charlie carried out work to the value of c£2 to 3K, took some logs in lieu of payment and, very generously, carried out the bulk of work gratis. He left a lot of brush wood and tree trunks as habitat for the Donkey Meadow wild life project.



End of grant report Donkey Meadow (Continued)

We were able to buy top soil and seeds for the area reserved for growing pollinating plants. The resulting sunflowers and phacelia presented a delightful display at the time of our Open Days on the weekend of 23 & 24 August 2025.

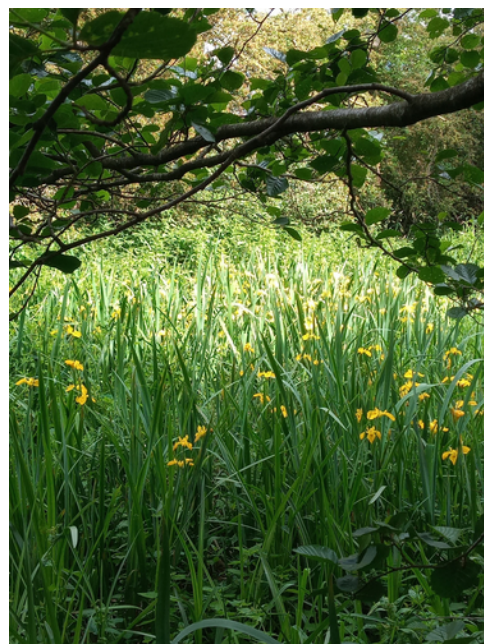
We were also able to pay for a digger and driver (Mark Woolnough) from NJB Contractors, Leiston. Mark spent two days removing the remaining debris from the ex-bonfire area and re-shaping the two parts of the meadow immediately visible from the gateway. These flattened, clearer areas are now nearer to being turned into a small wild flower meadow and a performance and/or picnic area.

The wild flower area sports two apple trees that were mulched using material that had collected in the gutters along the A1120. There were a lot of very delicious apples this year, compared to only four in 2024. We gave some to a family visiting the neighbouring playground and were also able to donate a boxful for village hall events.

We bought shingle, guttering and water barrels. Refurbishment of the sheds, remains a work in progress, somewhat hindered by inclement weather. One of the existing sheds has been joined to a second shed donated by a neighbour. The roof of this shed has been freshly asphalted and, as soon as the second shed roof is covered, we will be ready to attach the gutters, pipes and water barrels. There was enough money to buy four 220 litre barrels (from a farm shop near Bungay) as well as all the requisite guttering. Over winter, three similar-sized barrels already in the meadow have filled up, as has the large yellow-flag-iris-filled ancient pond, yet to be dredged.

Having laid cardboard to suppress weeds, the shingle bought with the grant money has been used to create mobility-scooter-friendly paths all around the top part of the meadow.

Ancient pond, late summer



East Suffolk
Community
Partnerships
Bringing ideas to life



End of grant report Donkey Meadow (Continued)

Our open weekend attracted a steady trickle of people many of whom seemed very positively impressed with the progress being made towards making Donkey Meadow a quiet, green space for all to enjoy. There were refreshments and a number of nature-related activities for people to engage in, as well as a piggy shy bowling game. The chicken-wire donkey was on display and people were invited to give him(?) a name. By the end of the weekend, the beginnings of a donkey rockery were in evidence, identifiable perhaps only by a discriminating few at this stage.

Several interesting suggestions were made about how the site could be developed as a community project, for example, someone asked if a relative could bring his beehives, another suggested creating a seating/deck area at the point where there is a view across the River Yox to the hills beyond, mulching the trees and adding more apple trees was also suggested, engagement in the Community Payback scheme was another idea. All these ideas are being pursued.

One young visitor spent a lot of time climbing up and sliding down the pile of shingle – this led to the recent creation of a small hillock with steps, slides and a viewing point.



A few visitors were concerned about dogs, urging that they should not be allowed. This question will be addressed in our next stage of canvassing.

We are very grateful for this grant. It has really helped to turn what was a wasteland tip site into a precious community resource.

Helen Barrett,
Yoxford Town Land Trust

The gate, courtesy of local resident,
Fred Vintner



Riparian recovery on a tributary of the River Waveney



Tin River is a unique and fascinating tributary to the River Waveney, located just over 1 km south of Bungay. It is an ephemeral stream which can flow fast in winter or following periods of heavy rainfall and can dry up for much of its length during summer.

It derives its name from the corrugated metal sheets that line a section of the lower reaches as it flows through Bungay. These 'tin' sheets are repurposed Anderson Shelters that were installed in the channel towards the end of the Second World War, intended to stabilise the banks and to reduce erosion in channel.



We first began exploring this tributary in 2024 and have drawn up plans for Natural Flood Management and habitat creation projects with local landowners. In March 2026 we were pleased to invite a group from East Suffolk Council and colleagues from the Environment Agency out to visit key sites on Tin River and to look at the proposed restoration plans.

Our aim is to 'slow the flow' of this flashy tributary, improving floodplain connectivity and water storage in the landscape. Our water quality testing to date has detected that Tin River is a major source of sediment and nutrient pollution, highlighting the need for our work to enable nutrient rich sediment to deposit on the floodplain in times of high flow.



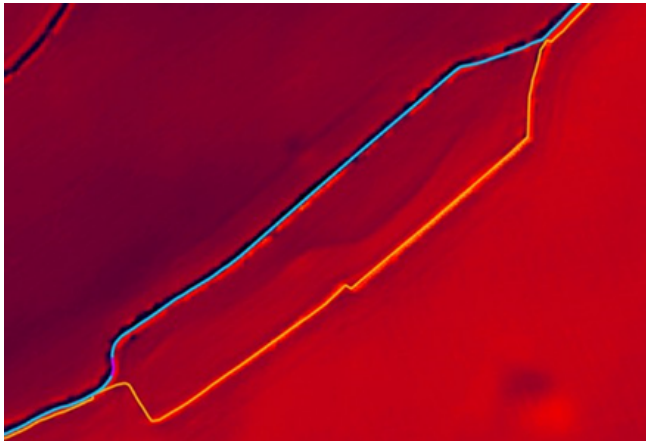
Flooding along St John's Road (A144) is a significant issue impacting the community of Bungay. In times of extreme rainfall just under 1 km of the road can be affected, causing disruption and unsafe driving conditions, as in October 2023 shown in the picture above. Historically the communities living on the banks of Tin River also experienced significant flooding to properties.

Our plans focus on two key meadows on the banks of Tin River. Mapping of the site furthest upstream using LiDAR data (Light Detection and Ranging), highlighted a historic paleochannel, this was also picked up with a drone when banks over topped following heavy rain.



Riparian recovery on a tributary of the River Waveney (*continued*)

Below: LiDAR image, the shaded line that winds its way through the centre of the meadow is likely the path of the watercourse before it was straightened artificially.



Above: flood water flowing along the path of a paleo channel 9th Dec 2025 (drone image Nigel Kaines)

Plans are underway to remove a shallow layer along the path of the historic channel, with larger intermittent scrapes introduced, this will significantly increase the marginal wet habitat. Six sections of bank lowering along the existing watercourse paired up with six leaky barriers will slow the flow and result in a greater volume of water being pushed out onto the floodplain in high flows. Improved connection of the watercourse to the floodplain will extend the period that this meadow sits wet and therefore increase the diversity of aquatic plant and invertebrate species that thrive there, which will in turn benefit a wider range of bird species. Clusters of tree planting will further increase diversity, shading the channel in places whilst leaving surrounding land available for grazing – the landowner plans to use it for grazing a small herd of native, rare breed cattle.

Work at this site alone cannot prevent downstream flooding, but it can bring some benefits to water quality, biodiversity and a reduction to flood risk. The second site is at an earlier stage of development but also has exciting potential. This meadow sits just downstream of where Tin River merges with a tributary that flows alongside St John's Road A144, we have unofficially named as St John's Beck.



Picture above right: byway over St John's Beck, just before it merges with Tin River, this merging point has shown to be an area of high energy water movement, carrying sediment at high volumes to the River Waveney.



Riparian recovery on a tributary of the River Waveney (*continued*)

Plans at this site are to maintain the existing path of the Tin River, whilst also meandering St John's Beck through the meadow, along with creating several scrapes, to divert and store high flows, creating marginal habitat as a result. This habitat will benefit from the planting of cricket bat willows, as the landowner looks to maintain some business viability whilst working with nature. A well used public footpath runs through this site, this will be maintained, with the restoration works increasing wildlife habitat and therefore creating a more enjoyable space for locals to walk.

Volunteer surveys in 2025 recorded a breeding population of common lizards, restoration work will protect and enhance their habitat - with continued monitoring we hope to record their spread along Tin River.



Looking beyond the delivery of restoration projects at the two Tin River meadows, we are exploring the St John's Beck catchment, looking for opportunities to develop projects that will further improve water quality, reduce flood risk and create better wildlife habitat.

Working with volunteers is a crucial part of the River Waveney Trusts operations, we could not deliver projects without community support and involvement; this includes water quality sampling, monitoring Riverfly, removing invasive species, monitoring priority species, managing reserves and pocket parks, litter picking, installing flow deflectors and leaky barriers - the volunteers contribution is immense and for that we are very grateful.

A small group of volunteers have begun using a smartphone app, 'Crowdwater' to monitor when there is water in Tin River and when it is dry. This feeds into a wider Environment Agency project on understanding ephemeral streams and will also help us gain a better understanding of the flow state of streams in the Waveney Valley. We would love to extend this simple monitoring to include St John's Beck so would be pleased to hear from anyone that wants to get involved.

We look forward to inviting East Suffolk Council for a return visit and extending that invite to the Greenprint Forum, to share our progress at the two meadows covered in this report and our wider vision for further projects within the Tin River and St John's Beck catchment. We are keen to work in partnership to deliver on our shared goals for a resilient and healthy River Waveney for both people and wildlife.

If you would like to find out more about this or any other project of the River Waveney Trust, or would like to get involved whether as a volunteer or supporter, please visit our website www.riverwaveneytrust.org or contact us via email ange@riverwaveneytrust.org

Angela Lamb, Catchment Resilience Project Officer, River Waveney Trust



Halesworth Ash

Halesworth Area Sustainability Hub (Halesworth ASH) started in 2023 as an informal group of local people who wanted to make a difference to carbon emissions and climate change within the area of Halesworth and the surrounding villages. We work closely with the Blyth Valley Churches network, Halesworth Town Council and local district and county councillors. We have been inspired by the work of others in Suffolk, including in Woodbridge and Leiston. We now operate as a formal committee of 12 and have recently applied to become a CIO (charitable incorporated organisation), which will enable us to secure a wider range of grants and support.

Halesworth ASH has a number of different areas of activity, focused on public engagement and practical support. Three years running, from 2023, we organised a well-attended public conference focused on the climate emergency: reducing carbon emissions, sequestering carbon, and building community resilience. The second conference focused on land and food, and the third on energy. Speakers included the local MP, farmers, representatives of community organisations, and academic experts.

Our framework Opergy, an energy consultancy, have worked with towns and villages in Norfolk and, in more depth with Leiston, to chart a path to reach net zero in accordance with the Paris Climate Agreement. Impressed by their work and not wishing to reinvent the wheel, we asked Opergy to produce a report on Halesworth's emissions and the pathway to meeting our Paris obligations; this was commissioned by Halesworth Town Council, who have been very helpful and supportive to our group.



Halesworth Ash *(continued)*

With grant support, we have appointed an energy champion, William Poulsen, who is working actively in the town using data supplied by Opergy to identify domestic properties with low EPC (energy performance certificate) ratings which may benefit from grants for insulation and energy improvements, and support householders with accessing them. William has been holding regular surgeries in town and, once information about new warmer homes grants is available, we expect that he will be kept busy supporting people (owners and renters alike) with applications.

We are also working with William on a large-scale community project for solar panels and batteries for the town's volunteer-run sport and leisure complex; we hope this will be the first of several large-scale initiatives within the town.

Public engagement

We've been running a series of "Green Film" events, held at The Cut, to engage with a wide audience in the region. These have included popular, general release, films including Wilding and Nettle Dress as well as campaigning films such as George Monbiot's Riverside and Power Station. This follows the progress of a small group of people aiming to put solar panels on all the roofs in a local community in London. We were delighted that our screening was supported by John Taylor from Community Energy England as well as our energy champion.

Education/schools

Playing to the strengths of our team, and responding to East Suffolk's improvement to household waste collection which will be in place from June, we have launched a project engaging with schools on food waste prevention, recycling and healthy and sustainable eating. This will involve engaging with pupils and staff in classrooms and school assemblies, as well as supporting schools as they develop their own plans; the aim is to encourage children (and their parents) to eat healthily and reduce food waste (currently 4.4 million tonnes of food are thrown away each year in the UK!).

Kim Hoare - Halesworth Area Sustainability Hub

<https://halesworthash.com/>



Wilder Wenhaston grant report



Report on project funded by East Suffolk Nature First Small Grants Scheme

Wilder Wenhaston was awarded £570 for Improving the parishes biodiversity. The funds were for planting hedgerows to improve connectivity, planting spring bulbs on the village greens and making and erecting barn owl and kestrel nest boxes in the village.

A total of 200 m of native hedging was planted split between two locations on separate farms, both located along roadsides so visible to all. The planting was carried out by 14 and 10 volunteers respectively making a total of 50 volunteer hours.



Wilder Wenhaston grant report (continued)



One thousand native snowdrop and bluebell bulbs were purchased ‘in the green’ meaning the snowdrops were in flower almost immediately with the bluebells to follow. The bulbs were planted on Well Green, around the old telephone box, the Bramfield Road green and at the entrance to St. Peter’s Pightle the new community woodland on Church Lane. Eight volunteers carried out the planting in a total of 12 volunteer hours.



Wilder Wenhaston report (continued)

Two barn owl and two kestrel boxes were constructed and erected in suitable trees overlooking areas of new woodland and marshes. These will be monitored over the coming years by a licensed bird ringer and nest recorder



Alan Miller, Wilder Wenhaston

<https://wenhastonmells-pc.gov.uk/village-life/environmental-groups/wilder-wenhaston/wilder-wenhaston>



Friends of Nicholas Everitt Park (FONEP)

FONEP are a friendly group of volunteers who are working together with East Suffolk Services Limited and Oulton Broad Parish Council to help conserve and improve the park as a whole and ensure that it remains a valuable community asset including the play area and equipment and sports facilities.

Volunteers meet every Thursday morning, whatever the weather, between 09.30 and 12.00 with the last 30 minutes having refreshments. When we arrive, Ollie (gardener) and Alfie trainee, tell us the tasks they want to undertake and the volunteers choose which group to join to do these tasks. We also undertake group projects like converting boats into planters and cleaning beaches.



We have approximately 12 volunteers who undertake various tasks within the park and surrounding area. These tasks include planting, weeding, cutting back plants, painting, mulching, litter picks, shredding waste for composting from the park, and washing benches.

The group was formed in May 2010 firstly looking at ways to improve the park and then evolving into volunteers working in the park. Nicholas Everitt Park has been awarded a Green Flag for the last sixteen years.

Projects the volunteers have been involved in include planting a wildflower area, planting bulbs in various places in and around the park, converting old boats into planters, painting the shelters and the bridge, creating flower beds and making bird boxes to sell.

If you are interested in joining then come and meet us on a Thursday morning or contact geoffpipe@aol.com

Friends of Nicholas Everitt Park are on social media at: https://www.facebook.com/fonepob/?locale=en_GB



Eco Gossip

Many years ago I painted 'Gossiping the Gospel', a composition of two young mums sharing their thoughts, whilst grandma and young child in a pushchair listen in. It may not be a brilliant oil colour work but it carries much meaning for me. Recently, though, people I was talking to in Zoom meetings started noticing it hanging on the wall. Being curious, they asked what it was about. So much so that, because these days I am known by some as an 'eco champion', I have now retitled it 'Eco Gossip'. Rededicated I hope it can serve a new 'life', encouraging more people to share their thoughts for our children's and grandchildren's future hopes.

Bad News/Good News

Most people accept that climate issues need addressing - at the highest levels too. But at a more personal level we can all be active too. We are generally aware of the bad news, but there are good stories to tell as well. We all have our own opportunities to share our love of the natural world and think how we individually can help in its restoration. Nature is infinitely adaptable and very capable of restoration when given a chance. Our window boxes, gardens and public spaces, managed for wildlife, can provide amazing opportunities for plants, insects, birds and mammals and microbes to thrive. And the underestimated fungi prosper too.



Tree planting in the Rectory Garden

Eco Church

Recently a growing numbers of churches are taking on the role of becoming EcoChurches. Many older churchyards are havens for all sorts of species and a wonderful resource for bug hunts and 'modelling' ways of gardening with wildlife in mind.

Faith communities of all denominations are also recognising that they can reduce their corporate carbon footprint and encourage sustainable ways of providing hospitality and provide support to those who are taking the brunt of climate change globally.



Eco Gossip (Continued)

The A Rocha UK EcoChurch scheme <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/> provides a framework and resources to help faith communities on that journey. Their award system helps focus the changes involved. The bronze award material lays out a framework for developing sustainable ways of caring for buildings and land and encourages awareness of community and global issues as well as suggestions for greening our personal lifestyles. The silver and gold awards map a challenging progress in embedding these things in all aspects of church life.

Learning to live more sustainably - in harmony with all aspects of God's creation is at the heart of EcoChurch. What some outside of faith communities might see as 'common sense actions' to limit climate change are seen as good 'stewardship' by the church. We are on the same journey. We value what we have and want to embody 'green thinking and eco actions' in all we do.



Annual Bug Hunts



Eco Rogation -
'wander to ponder'



Celebrating Good Eco News

Like many EcoChurches St Mark's, Oulton Broad held a community 'Green Day'. This was a family friendly opportunity to showcase many community initiatives. Bishop Graham Usher held a seminar at the event and presented us with our Gold Award.

**Harvey Bradley - Oulton Broad Ministry Green Team,
St Marks Church, Oulton Broad**



People's Emergency Briefing, Beccles



Around 45 people gathered at Blyburgate Hall in Beccles on 30th April 2026 for a screening of The People's National Emergency Briefing followed by a public discussion about what the issues raised in the film may mean locally.

The screening formed part of a wider UK programme of events designed to help communities engage with the climate and nature crisis, and is supported by naturalist Chris Packham, who has said that “I’d encourage people everywhere to attend a screening of The People’s Emergency Briefing. This new film creates exactly the kind of honest local conversation we now urgently need, both about the threat from climate and nature breakdown, but also about what we can do, together with our politicians, to build a better future.”



The discussion afterwards focused particularly on the local issues of flooding, pressures on farmers, local biodiversity, transport and food resilience, with participants also exploring how local communities can continue the conversation and engage our elected representatives.

These discussions were supported by an expert panel which included:

- Caroline Topping – Leader of East Suffolk Council,
- Professor Peter Hobson – Deben Climate Centre & Anglia Ruskin University,
- Professor Saul Humphries – Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Building & UEA Climate Ambassador
- Ed Gillespie – Poet, writer, podcaster and futurist,
- Julian Thompson – Chief Executive of Community Climate Action.



People's Emergency Briefing, Beccles *(continued)*

The local effects of climate change



There have been more frequent extreme weather events in Europe, and East Anglia is not immune from these events. Recently Storm Babet caused widespread flooding in Framlingham in October 2023.

left: Elms car park in Framlingham flooded during Storm Babet. Photo Credit Clive Stevens & East Anglia Bylines



Left: Framlingham flooding due to Storm Babet 20th Oct 2023. Photo credit www.framlinghamtown.gov.uk

Coastal Erosion is an ongoing problem on the Norfolk and Suffolk coast. The villages of Hemsby, Pakefield, Happisburgh, and Thorpeness have all seen houses lost to the sea. The increase in the severity of North Sea Storms and high tides has made these events more frequent

Climate change will only make these events increasingly severe.

Net Zero is an important tool to combat Climate Change

There was a strong feeling in the room that we need to accelerate our response to Climate Change, fully embrace the development of Renewable Energy Technologies and support the drive towards Net Zero. These are opportunities to minimise the impact of Climate Change, create jobs, reduce our energy bills and increase energy independence and security. Scrapping Net Zero, as some politicians are advocating, is short sighted, will tie us into continued fossil fuel use (and it's consequent dangers) and will increase our energy bills not reduce them. Nationally there is widespread concern about Climate Change and also a willingness to do something about it.



People's Emergency Briefing, Beccles (*continued*)

The Feelings of the audience in Blyburgate Hall

Mark Popay, who helped organise the event, said:

“One of the strongest feelings in the room was what can we do as a community to tackle climate change and how can we get our MP's onboard to lobby the Government for support.”

There was an intense interest in continued local engagement, including discussion of how community support might be built around encouraging local Members of Parliament to back the Parliamentary Call for a televised emergency briefing on the climate and nature crisis.

Due to the strong feeling in the room to act on what was seen in the Briefing a further local meeting and follow-up discussion is now being planned. The attendees also said that they would be contacting their MP and arranging further screenings of The Briefing.

If anyone wants more information or wishes to host a screening all the details can be found at www.nebriefing.org/

Mark Popay

Editor's note:

Several more screenings of the film People's Emergency briefing are scheduled across Suffolk. At the time of writing, this includes the following:

- 08 May - Woodbridge
- 20 May - Bury
- 21 May - Saxmundham
- 23 May - Newmarket
- 30 May - Framlingham
- 30 May - Ipswich
- 26 June - Waldringfield
- 26 June - Holbrook

And in case Colchester is a bit closer for you there's one there on 15 May.

Visit the website <https://www.nebriefing.org/> for full details of these as well as to check whether any additional dates get added, and to find out more if you're considering bringing a screening to your community.



Interested in setting up your own Town or Village community garden but don't know where to start? Come and be inspired...



Creating an Edible Town – Practical Day

July 2026 | Edible Felixstowe

Agenda

DATES: 23, 24th, 25th JULY 2026

10:00 AM – 3:15 PM

10:00 AM | Meet & Introductions

10:15 AM | Tour of Edible Felixstowe Sites:

- Train Station
- Adam & Eve Hairdressers
- Opal Kitchen & Bathrooms
- The Salad Bowl
- Library
- Hamilton Road



11:15 AM | Meet Edible Volunteers Discussion & Tips

11:45 AM | Site Design Exercise

12:30 PM | Lunch

1:15 PM | Becoming a Legal Entity & Governance

1:15 PM | Consulting the Community - Exercise

2:15 PM | Finding Land Exercise

2:45 PM | Sustaining Your Project & Action Planning



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Introducing Tom Chalker

I'm pleased to share that I have been appointed to the role of Climate Change and Sustainability Project Support Officer at East Suffolk Council. I am looking forward to being involved in the wide range of work being delivered by the team, from Net Zero and Sustainable Travel, to the delivery of the council's ambitious tree and hedgerow planting targets, and other related projects.

I'm keen to bridge together the last two periods of my life, having completed a degree in Environmental Science, then working at ESC in the Coastal Management team. My ambition is to bring together my knowledge of the environment, nature and climate, as well as a good base of local government processes, whilst continuing to develop both. I am confident that this knowledge base, along with the ongoing work of the wider team, continue to put ESC in a great place to deliver climate and sustainability work now and into the future.



Yazmin Rouse (left) and Tom Chalker (right) at the compost giveaway event in Lowestoft on 01 May to mark International Compost Awareness Week

Introducing Yazmin Rouse

I am privileged to be the Apprentice for Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change at East Suffolk Council having joined in September last year. I have enjoyed helping out at Greenprint Forum events, helping collate information for this newsletter, and supporting across the wider sustainability team at ESC.

I am eager to work in the environment sector and develop my knowledge through this apprenticeship.



Community Cycle Parking Fund



East Suffolk Council through its Cycling, Walking and Wheeling Strategy, has launched a straightforward funding opportunity for local community organisations to apply up to £1,000 for cycle parking, just where it's needed, within the district of East Suffolk.

A safe and secure place to secure a bike at your destination can be a key factor when deciding what mode of travel to use for local or short trips. If the risk of theft or the feeling of not being safe is too great, then it is likely the bike will be left at home, forcing unnecessary car journeys and adding to traffic pollution and congestion.

'Installation of secure bike storage racks encourages sustainable transportation and is an essential amenity for cyclists, improving wellbeing and a 'win-win' for the community'.
(The Walk, Wheel, Cycle Trust, formerly Sustrans)

The fund is aimed at Town or Parish Councils or community groups working closely with them. The fund will cover all or part of the costs of purchasing and installing in publicly accessible shared spaces that would benefit from new parking.

Please use the links at the end of this article to see guidance and apply for the fund. If you are considering making an application and have any questions or aren't sure if this grant scheme is appropriate for your project please contact: climate.sustainability@eastsoffolk.gov.uk.

Applications can be submitted at any time, there is no deadline as the Panel will convene approximately every other month (subject to the need) to consider applications on an ongoing, first come first served basis until the funding has all been allocated.

'5.5 million people on a low income or not in employment, would likely start cycling, or cycle more, if they had access to a safe, secure, and accessible place to park a bike.'
(Walk, Wheel, Cycle Trust)

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/benefits-grants-and-support/community-grants-and-funding/community-cycle-parking-fund>



Contributors

Thanks as ever are due to all of our stellar contributors:

**Alan Miller, Ange Lamb, Harvey Bradley, Helen Barrett, Kim Hoare, Mark Popay,
Tom Chalker, and Yazmin Rouse;**

plus the teams at **Edible Felixstowe and the Friends of Nicholas Everitt Park**

If you would like to contribute content to a future newsletter to showcase good practice from an initiative or project you are involved with, we would love to hear from you via greenissues@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

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[https://my.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/service/Greenprint Forum membership application](https://my.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/service/Greenprint%20Forum%20membership%20application)

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