

Ward Member's Brief for July

Deben Leisure Centre Open: The refurbished Deben Leisure Centre re-opened last month (June), and has been pulling in the crowds.

The centre closed in September 2017 to undergo a £3.5 million refurbishment, and is the first project to be completed in Suffolk Coastal's five year programme to improve leisure facilities and encourage more people to become active.

Now it offers a state-of-the-art, modern leisure environment, which has already drawn in around 700 new members, joining the 100 existing members, who retained their membership during the refurbishment.

To put this performance in context, when it closed last year, the 'old' Deben Leisure Centre had about 550 members – so achieving over 800 members already put the centre well on track to hit its targets.

Feedback from customers to our operational partners, Places Leisure, has been very positive about the new facilities. And the facilities are getting well used - the opening week was very busy with over 2,000 separate uses of the facilities, including 1,300 uses of the pool.

Memberships and prices information is at:

www.placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/deben-leisure-centre

Boundary Review

Suffolk Coastal put forward suggestions for the new boundary arrangements to be put into place for the creation of East Suffolk District. We suggested a one member ward to be called "Carlford Ward".

The Boundary Commissioner has now reviewed the proposals and has proposed a different arrangement. We would still have a total of 55 members overall but he is proposing that we have a much larger ward, with two members, to be called "Carlford and Fynn Valley". The nineteen Parishes included in this ward would be:

Bredfield	Grundisburgh
Dallinghoo	Culpho
Hasketon	Burgh
Boulge	Great Bealings
Debach	Little Bealings
Clopton	Playford
Charsfield	Tuddenham St. Martin
Otley	Westerfield
Swiland	Rushmere St. Andrews
Witnesham	

Public consultation on the draft recommendations will run until 27th August.

Comments are on: **consultation.lgbce.org.uk**.

Draft Local Plan Review

The First Draft of the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan opened for public consultation on 20th July and will run for eight weeks until 14th September 2018. Copies of the Draft Plan and site maps have been sent to all Town and Parish Councils together with details on the consultation sessions arranged.

All Town/Parish Councils are encouraged to attend a series of consultation opportunities that have been arranged:

1. Briefing Session

An introductory Briefing Session was held on Wednesday 18th July 2018 and a good turnout was achieved.(19.00-20.00).

2.Drop in Sessions

Our local Drop In session has been arranged for 16.00 to 19.30 on Monday 6th August East Suffolk House, Station Road, Melton, IP12 1RT. at **Suffolk Coastal District Council (Deben Room)**. Others have been arranged for different venues.

2. A series of one hour One – to- One Sessions

Thirteen dates between 25th July and 30th August.

Suffolk Waste Partnership Road Litter Campaign: Fifteen smart litter bins are about to be installed in trial locations across Suffolk in an effort to reduce littering on the county's trunk roads.

The customised bins are designed for roadside use with a lit sign saying 'litter', a wider than usual aperture to make disposal of rubbish easier, bright orange bodies, reflective white signage and the clear message 'Keep Suffolk Beautiful'.

The illuminated word 'Litter' at the top of the aperture will be powered by a solar panel. The design aims to make the new litter bins more visible to any drivers using the trial lay-bys during the day and night.

They will also be fitted with new remote monitoring devices to help councils coordinate the emptying of these bins more efficiently and effectively. The devices will be able to monitor bin fill levels and will send an alert once a pre-set level has been reached so that they can be emptied at the most optimum time.

The bins are being funded by a £10,000 award secured by Suffolk Waste Partnership from the Government's Litter Innovation Fund. It is intended to reduce and prevent litter through new methods tried before, which have potential for wider use if they prove effective.

Our successful bid was for this local project aimed at reducing litter and the £300,000 annual bill for clearing it up on Suffolk's major A-roads.

The Suffolk Waste Partnership's project is also asking local businesses to support 'Keep Suffolk Beautiful' by displaying banners and signs on fuel forecourts across the county.

More standard bins are also being installed as part of the campaign at other trial layby locations along the A11, A12 and A14 in Suffolk, to see if the increase in number and the type of litter bin provided results in less litter.

For more information on the Litter Innovation Fund, visit www.wrap.org.uk/content/litter-innovation-fund

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