

July/August 2023 report for the Martlesham Division

Norfolk and Suffolk councils given authority and funding to help nature's recovery

Suffolk and Norfolk County Councils have been formally appointed by Government as responsible authorities for preparing a Local Nature Recovery Strategy for their respective counties.

This means that they will be working together to help improve wildlife habitats and reverse the decline of biodiversity across the region, working with local communities to develop a tailored nature recovery strategy for their areas.

They will also work with other local planning authorities, the Broads Authority, Natural England, and a wide range of stakeholders and partners, including farming and landowner groups.

This is all part of Government's ambition to further drive nature recovery, with 48 individual local authorities across the country receiving allocations from a £14 million funding pot. Norfolk and Suffolk County Councils will receive £333,000 and £282,000 respectively over two years to fund this work. With the best ways to support nature recovery depending on local character and geography, Local Nature Recovery Strategies will help communities map out the action needed in their area to restore nature.

The Norfolk and Suffolk councils have already been working closely with each other, jointly hosting the Norfolk and Suffolk Nature Recovery Partnership, and a host of other stakeholders and interested parties to prepare for this moment. The two authorities have pooled resources and expertise and to ensure that strategies effectively join up across the two counties to the wider benefit of nature and people.

The Strategies will focus on how to improve habitats and protect the natural environment across the region, with local approaches tailored to the specific circumstances of each area. Norfolk and Suffolk are home to a variety of beautiful and unique landscapes, from the chalk streams of the Norfolk Coast to the Stour estuary at the southeast of Suffolk and across many habitats in between, and specific policies will be drawn up to best protect and nurture each location.

Future plans will include working closely with other neighbouring counties, to identify and support opportunities for nature recovery at sufficient scale to really benefit wildlife.

Domestic Abuse Commissioner praises Suffolk's Champions

The Domestic Abuse Commissioner for England and Wales, Nicole Jacobs met in July with Suffolk's Domestic Abuse Champions Network.

The Domestic Abuse Commissioner is an independent voice that speaks on behalf of victims and survivors of domestic abuse.

Alongside Councillor Bobby Bennett, Suffolk County Council's Cabinet Member for Equality and Communities, DA Commissioner Nicole Jacobs, met with Domestic Abuse Champions and representatives from Suffolk's commissioned Domestic Abuse Services. They presented certificates

to Champions, who have gone above and beyond in their role by providing support or raising the profile of Domestic Abuse.

The Suffolk Domestic Abuse Champions Network aims to raise awareness about coercive control and increase confidence across the Suffolk community in order to provide consistent information, advice and support to victim-survivors of domestic abuse.

The Champions are provided with free training to have the skills to spread awareness to other colleagues and act as the 'Go to Person' for Information between their own agency and local support services. The Network was launched in April 2019, and since then, the content of the training has evolved, and the delivery has developed to incorporate an online offer as well as face-to-face.

Over 1,300 Champions have now taken the free training, including representatives from across the county and from a broad range of organisations including health, education, housing, recovery services, mental health support, adult and children's social care, police and more individuals, voluntary and community organisations.

The Domestic Abuse Champions training offer is open to anyone living or working in Suffolk. The trainers welcome individuals or local businesses to come forward and take advantage of the free training and help keep Suffolk safe. To book the free training, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/suffolk-domestic-abuse-champions-network-369439>.

Suffolk's Champion Co-ordinators are also available to attend team meetings or deliver free bespoke sessions tailored to your organisation. Please contact dachampions@suffolk.gov.uk to find out more.

To find out more about Suffolk's Domestic Abuse Champions, and listen to the latest in a series of podcasts, featuring interviews with specialist support services and survivors of domestic abuse, visit: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/communities/community-safety/domestic-abuse-and-sexual-violence>

Free exhibition 'Wolsey's Ipswich' this summer at The Hold as part of Wolsey 550 celebrations

Suffolk Archives' free summer exhibition 'Wolsey's Ipswich' opens on Friday 14 July at The Hold on Ipswich Waterfront and will explore the legacy of Cardinal Thomas Wolsey thanks to funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

The exhibition forms a key part of the Thomas Wolsey 550 project, a programme of events and activities planned to celebrate the 550th anniversary of Wolsey's birth across Ipswich.

Curated by the team at Suffolk Archives, a Suffolk County Council service, the exhibition includes items from Suffolk's own archive collections, as well as items on loan from organisations across the country.

Made possible by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, Ipswich Central and Ipswich Borough Council, the exhibition will explore the legacy of Thomas Wolsey, reconnecting him with his hometown and examining his position on the world stage.

Born and raised in Ipswich, Wolsey rose from humble beginnings to become the most powerful man in England, working alongside King Henry VIII. The '**Wolsey's Ipswich**' exhibition will unearth a story of ambition, aspiration, determination, and the possibility for anyone to succeed.

The exhibition features archive treasures from Suffolk's collections dating from the 16th century to the present day, as well as some significant loaned exhibits, including Wolsey's original Cardinal hat, on loan from Christ Church College, Oxford.

Having finally been made a Cardinal by the Pope in 1515 following a long campaign, Wolsey was made to wait three years to receive this badge of honour from Rome and arranged a grand procession for it through the streets of London.

The exhibition will also include an original copy of Shakespeare's first folio, on loan from Trinity College Cambridge and coinciding with Folio 400 which marks 400 years since the first printed collection of Shakespeare's work. The exhibition will look at how Wolsey has been depicted throughout history including within Shakespeare's play Henry VIII which covers part of Henry's reign and depicts elements of Wolsey's rise and fall.

The final section of the exhibition will be dedicated to building a sense of aspiration for local young people, taking Wolsey's experiences as a starting point. Suitable for all ages, the exhibition offers a unique opportunity to come and explore the complex and inspiring story of Ipswich's most famous son.

Wolsey's Ipswich opens on **Friday 14 July** and runs until **Sunday 29 October 2023** at The Hold on Ipswich Waterfront. Entry is free and open to all ages.

Exhibition opening times are 10:00 - 12:30 and 13:00 – 16:00 Monday to Friday, with late opening until 9pm on Thursdays. 10:00 - 16:00 Saturday and Sunday.

You can book free tickets for the **Wolsey's Ipswich** exhibition by visiting: www.suffolkarchives.co.uk. Alternatively, just turn up and depending on the capacity of the exhibition gallery you will be admitted as soon as possible.

Council fears new energy proposals will harm Suffolk's coastline

Suffolk County Council is disappointed to learn that the LionLink interconnector project from National Grid Ventures has identified an alternative landfall at Walberswick, with cable routing making its way to the north of Southwold.

The Council will study the details of the new proposals, and will prepare its response to the National Grid's second public consultation, which opens on 8 September.

The Lionlink project aims to connect multiple offshore wind farms in the North Sea, instead of individual wind farms connecting one by one to the shore. The project is a joint venture between the UK and the Netherlands, supplying energy to both countries.

The non-statutory consultation on [National Grid Venture's LionLink project](#) will commence on the 8 September 2023, and will remain open until 3 November 2023.

