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North Lowestoft Heritage Action Zone

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Photo: East Suffolk Council

Welcome to the Heritage Action Zone!

The North Lowestoft Heritage Action Zone (HAZ) is a five year programme in partnership with Historic England, East Suffolk Council, Lowestoft Town Council, East Suffolk Building Preservation Trust and Lowestoft Vision. Launched in May 2018, the scheme will run until March 2023.

Together with residents and businesses of the HAZ, our aim is to improve the North Lowestoft HAZ area which is rich in heritage, making it a better place to live, work and visit. Historic buildings that have deteriorated will be restored and brought back into use; and the assets within the conservation area, such as the Scores, will be improved, kick-starting regeneration and helping to celebrate the unique character and heritage of the area.

The Heritage Action Zone will focus upon the medieval High Street, Scores, historic smokehouses and net stores, and Victorian parks. The area was awarded Heritage Action Zone status by Historic England, and is currently 1 of only 20 in England, 1 of only 2 in the East of England and the only 1 in Suffolk. The project will provide support, training, advice, and grant funding to the area, and will be supported by research and community activities which will make sure that the heritage of the area becomes better-known and valued.

The first stage of the project has been spent carrying out research on the area and collecting data in order to determine which actions need to be taken. Historic England have conducted research on the High Street shop fronts, smokehouses on Whapload Road, and the parks in the area. Project areas over the 5 years

include; plans for the restoration of the Town Hall, restoration of the Scores, delivery of the new park The Ness, redevelopment of the Triangle Market, housing improvements, developing a strategy for addressing buildings at risk, developing the policies and practices of the council to improve the area including a design guide for the area, addressing approaches to planning and enforcement, as well as developing events and training to raise awareness of the heritage within the area and the importance of conserving it.

If you would like any further information about the HAZ, please contact us via the details on the reverse.



Photo: Community Action Suffolk

Residents & Businesses form the Most Easterly Community Group

We are pleased to see a new community group 'The Most Easterly Community Group' set up within the HAZ. The sustained success of regeneration projects depends upon the engagement of the community and their participation in the area. The group have already held several meetings and on 2nd June held their first event the Big Lunch under the sails on the Triangle Market. The HAZ Partnership looks forward to working with and supporting the community group to enable them to achieve their ambitions for their community.

Barn Owl revealed as part of Suffolk Wildlife Trust art trail

A new resident of the Heritage Action Zone was unveiled in May, creating a social media buzz in the town. The barn owl, situated at the gateway to the Heritage Action Zone on Yarmouth Road, has been created by artist ATM, famed locally for his marsh

harrier mural in Oulton Broad. The barn owl is the latest addition to Suffolk Wildlife Trusts Wildlife Trail, which celebrates the extension of Carlton Marshes, a £5m project supported by Sir David Attenborough. An additional mural is scheduled to be revealed later in the year.



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Heritage Action Zone Community takes part in clean up event

On 13th April, 13 volunteers from the HAZ community donated their time to tidying up the High Street and Scores. In total, 18 bags of rubbish were collected during the morning. A big thank you to the volunteers for giving up their Saturday and taking pride in their community, and to Community Action Suffolk for organising the clean up.



Photo: JOJO's Kitchen & Bar

JOJO's wins EAT Suffolk Best Newcomer Award

Having only been established 15 months, JOJO's Kitchen and Bar has quickly become a popular

destination in Lowestoft thanks to its friendly staff and creative menu.

The family run business recently won 'Best Newcomer' at April's EAT Suffolk Food and Drink Awards. The award itself recognises outstanding businesses that have been established within the last three years, and who have either 'become a success story or show promise to become one'.

Initially short listed through nominations from its customers, judges visited JOJO's in March to sample the menu and announced that the team had reached the final four in early April. Kelly Scoot, owner of JOJO's, described the nomination was a wonderful achievement which recognised the team's hard work, adding that the team were 'proud to represent Lowestoft'.

Situated on the Historic High Street, JOJO's is in the heart of the North Lowestoft Heritage Action Zone. It has quickly become a beloved asset, and regularly supports community events. Congratulations JOJO's on a well deserved win!



Fly tipping in the HAZ

We are aware of increased fly tipping within the HAZ, and are working closely with East Suffolk Norse to address this and prevent future incidents. Please be assured that we are committed to restoring the area as a tourist and heritage destination. As part of this commitment, we are developing a strategy to future proof the area.

One particular area of concern amongst residents is Rants Score which has been repeatedly targeted by fly-tippers. The fly tipping in this area has now been removed however we appreciate that preventing fly tipping is a longer term issue. Therefore as part of the strategy to address future fly tipping, the HAZ team has been working on an awareness raising campaign which will be launched over the coming weeks.

To prosecute, East Suffolk Council requires evidence that directly links the offenders to items they have abandoned. Therefore it would be helpful if members of the community were able to report any incidents. We would encourage people **not** to sift through anything that has been dumped **and not to intervene** if an incident is taking place. Instead, **report any incidents to East Suffolk Council**. If you are witness to an incident, **so long as it is safe**, you can take a picture of the incident taking place or note anything of relevance.

This could include registration numbers of the vehicles involved or number of people involved. Your support will help prosecute those who target our unique conservation area.



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The Ness – The UK's most Easterly Park

Work is due to commence in the coming weeks on the UK's most Easterly park, The Ness.

Lowestoft Town Council and East Suffolk Council are working with landscape architects Allen Scott, and property consultants Concertus, to deliver the new park situated on the site of the former drying racks that will interpret the heritage of the area and link the green space to Ness Point, promoting the most easterly point in the UK.

The project will see improved linkage and signage to Ness Point, the drying racks restored, and the site sympathetically landscaped with natural materials. Groundwork's will remain minimal to conserve the historic integrity of the site. Disabled access will be significantly improved, and a play area and sheltered performance area introduced to make the park accessible to families and schools.

The site will be closed temporarily for safety reasons whilst construction takes place, with the project due to complete in Winter 2019. A schedule of events is in development - to stay informed of the progress on the site and upcoming events follow The Ness - Lowestoft on Facebook.

Rise & Shine! It's competition time!

The Ness recently launched its Rise and Shine photography competition as part of the Lowestoft Image Project, in partnership with Lowestoft Photography Club. Entrants can submit photos by emailing lowestoftimageproject@gmail.com, with the subject 'Rise & Shine'. Please ensure that you include your name and mobile number.

The competition will run until **noon on the 5th August** with the winners images published in the Lowestoft Journal and exhibited in the newly refurbished Parcel Office at Lowestoft Railway Station. The exhibition will run from 23 - 26 August over the bank holiday weekend. You can vote for your favourite photos by liking the entries on The Ness - Lowestoft Facebook page. Good luck!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2019

JUNE

Building Conservation Training
10th - 14th June, 10am-4pm
Heritage Centre | FREE
To book: rachel@gy-pt.org | 07785750129

Friends of The Ness
11th June, 6pm
JoJo's Kitchen & Bar | FREE

JULY

Enchanted Cinema: The Greatest Showman
10th July, TIME TBC
Sparrows Nest Gardens | FREE

Beach School
24th July
The Ness | FREE

Summer Holiday Club - Small Fry
25th July
Sparrows Nest Gardens | FREE

Marsh on the Move -Suffolk Wildlife Trust
31st July
The Ness | FREE

AUGUST

Marsh on the Move -Suffolk Wildlife Trust
8th August
The Ness | FREE

Summer Holiday Club - Small Fry
1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th August
Sparrows Nest Gardens | FREE

SEPTEMBER

Heritage Open Days
13th-22nd September
Various Locations | FREE

OCTOBER

The Ness Fun Run
6th October
The Ness | FREE

NOVEMBER

Christmas Fair
24th November, 12-4pm
The Ness | FREE

USEFUL CONTACTS

HAZ Residents & Business Association
The Most Easterly Community Group
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Illegal/Dangerous Parking
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Stay in touch!

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