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**CONNECTING**

## *News from Southwold Town Council*

THIS NEWSLETTER AIMS TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF MATTERS WITH WHICH THE TOWN COUNCIL IS CURRENTLY INVOLVED, PROVIDE AN INSIGHT INTO THE FUTURE AND FOCUS ON MATTERS OF BOTH A LOCAL AND NATIONAL INTEREST, WHERE APPROPRIATE.

Since the last edition of Connecting the Town Council has been active in setting out its Strategy for the Future of Southwold and looking at the strategic future in respect of sites available for development within the town.

While there is a vast amount of work in progress, reaching the stage of delivering results will, inevitably, take much longer since research, continually changing legislation and distant timelines require both understanding and accommodation.

Notwithstanding these caveats, there are exciting prospects ahead, but patience will be required in order to discern tangible results.

In terms of the emerging Neighbourhood Plan, another milestone has been reached, as highlighted by the press release sent out on 16 September, last:

***The deadline for return of completed Southwold Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire booklets is upon us but, to date, we have received many fewer returns than envisaged from residents.*** [The emphasis here is residents since a 30% return from second home owners has been achieved.]

So a final plea to residents:

***Could you please complete the booklet sent to you and return it to the Town Hall or, if you have already done so, encourage others to do the same?***

***Should you, or anyone you know, not have received a questionnaire booklet, or mislaid it, a copy can be sent if you contact the Town Hall (722576), or [admin@southwoldtowncouncil.com](mailto:admin@southwoldtowncouncil.com)***

## **Town Mayor's Charity 2016/17      Sole Bay Arts**

I have decided to designate the Sole Bay Arts CIO based at St Edmund's Hall as the Mayor's Charity this year. The objects of the Sole Bay Arts charity are to: *"advance education in the arts, culture, and heritage to benefit the residents of Southwold and the surrounding area, and to improve the conditions of life for them"*.

This is a new charity that needs help to flourish.

Earlier this year I described my idea to erect a series of sculptures in the town, with the longer term aim of establishing a walk for residents and visitors alike. The new charity, founded by Peter Adshead, will be an ideal entity within which the sculpture project can take place.

The Town Council Vision is to be *the* successful vibrant, attractive town on the East Anglian coast, where people want to live, work and visit.

A key aspect of the Council's strategy is to ensure a culturally vibrant town where we are able to provide, or host, events that will enhance the lives of the people who live here - raise our profile - and help with Southwold's economic balance. This is a really important aspect of retaining residents in the town. The culture of a place is one of the key factors in making the decision to reside. If we are not able to provide more culturally - with quality activities, people won't choose to live here - and we won't retain people in the town either. The Sole Bay Arts CIO is a charity that will progress these aims and will be an important organisation for the parishioners of Southwold.

The sculpture project will contribute towards delivery of three Town Council strategies:

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| Strategy 2 | Reverse the decline in the resident population       |
| Strategy 3 | Retain and enhance our natural and built environment |
| Strategy 4 | Protect, maintain and enhance our community assets   |

The aim is to be able to erect the first sculpture this mayoral year.

*Melanie Tucker*  
*Town Mayor*

## **DO YOU KNOW**

ANYONE who is seeking accommodation in Southwold and who might benefit from a new wave of AFFORDABLE HOUSING that is scheduled to be provided in the Town?

If so, it is **essential** that she or he signs up, online, with the **Local Authorities' Housing Register**:

go to [eastsuffolk.gov.uk](http://eastsuffolk.gov.uk) then follow the links from its Home Page > Affordable Housing > Eligibility and Allocation.

Once registered, a person will have access to both social rented and shared ownership properties; priority for housing being dependent on a household's individual housing need.

It is vital that anyone mindful of being housed in the projected newly built units registers or, at least, uses the CONTACT US tab on the Eligibility and Allocation page in order to gain an insight into the process - failure to be registered will preclude any chance of first occupation in these buildings.

## **DO YOU KNOW**

THAT MOST LOST PROPERTY is no longer logged by the police and that the force's role is available only at police stations where a front desk office is provided?

However, you should report hazardous items immediately:

firearms

ammunition and explosives

poisons and chemicals.

AND the Police is asking you to consider registering your property at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

For further information visit: [www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk)

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Other useful numbers:	
Police	101 (non emergency) 999 emergency
NHS	111
Southwold Surgery	01502 722326
Suffolk County Council	0845 606 6067 for
Consumer Advice/Education/Highways/Libraries/Street Lighting/Trading Standards	
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