FRIENDS OF FELIXSTOWE SEAFRONT GARDENS

If you are interested in community involvement, wildlife, horticulture and meeting like-minded people we are looking for volunteers to join the Friends of the Felixstowe Seafront Gardens. Please complete the form below and join us so you can be kept informed of what’s happening in the gardens.

If you are interested in practical gardening the Saturday group meet monthly from April to October. The Wednesday day group meet weekly all year round.

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All information you provide will only be used to keep you informed of activities in the Felixstowe Seafront Gardens and will not be used for any other purposes.

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Thank you for supporting the Felixstowe Seafront Gardens
Why become a Friend of the Felixstowe Seafront Gardens?

If you are interested in horticulture, community involvement, meeting like-minded people and willing to help, why not join in the fun and sociable ‘Friends of the Seafront Gardens’.

Friends help out in many different ways:

- Practical Gardening
- Improving the provision and future development of the Gardens
- Promoting high standards of management and maintenance
- Promoting the history and heritage of the site
- Ensure the Gardens remain a valuable community asset.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Suffolk Coastal Norse for their valuable support of the Friends.

The Friends helped secure the Green Flag and Green Heritage Award for the Felixstowe Seafront Gardens in 2016.

Why Not Get Involved?

Whatever time you can spare, however great or small, it makes a valuable contribution and is appreciated!

The History of the Felixstowe Seafront Gardens

The history of the Seafront Gardens extends back 100 years to when the cliffs were underdeveloped grass covered slopes leading directly onto a sandy beach below. As Felixstowe established in the late Victorian era the natural springs occurring at the base of the cliff, together with the proximity to the beach, prompted the creation of the gardens as a pleasure ground for people to take the spa waters.

The heritage value of the Seafront Gardens was recognised by English Heritage in 2003: The Gardens were awarded a Grade II designation within the Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest.

The Seafront Gardens Project aimed to restore the Gardens to their former glory. The Gardens had fallen into disrepair and in 2011 a restoration project was undertaken by Suffolk Coastal District Council with match funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund under the Parks for People programme. The newly restored Seafront Gardens reopened in 2015.

The south facing gardens have a sheltered aspect, unique on this section of coastline. The dramatic changes in levels afforded by the cliffs, the spring lines that emanate from the Red Crag and the piecemeal development of the gardens reflect over 100 years of municipal planting and garden features.