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*Innovative artwork from local children at a Museum workshop*

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# More museums!

Residents and visitors can now visit Ipswich Museum on a Sunday, thanks to a review of opening hours by the Borough Council.

And Christchurch Mansion opening hours will be longer during the summer – giving people plenty of time to view the fabulous paintings and other treasures or combine it with a trip to Christchurch Park.

Sunday hours are 11am to 5pm at the Museum in High Street, at the adjoining Ipswich Art Gallery and at the Mansion between March and October. Because the park closes earlier in the winter months, the Mansion will close at 4pm between November and February.

Ipswich Museums' new manager, James Steward, said: "Our Sunday opening hours are proving attractive to residents and visitors - there has been an increase each week."

### **Easter holiday fun**

There is a range of fun-packed activities for children during the Easter holidays at both the Museum and the Mansion.

We've got everything covered - from art classes to history and science events. It's all about having fun while you're learning.

Check out our events calendar for details ...  
[www.ipswich.gov.uk/easterholidays](http://www.ipswich.gov.uk/easterholidays)

### **It's FUN**

A new artist in residence has started work at the Ipswich Art Gallery to help inspire local schools, colleges and community groups to engage with the Eduardo Paolozzi: General Dynamic F.U.N. exhibition.

Suffolk-born Jonathan D Boast has extensive experience in public art projects and will also develop his own work in the gallery's learning studio, where visitors will be able to see him in action and talk to him about his practice.

In addition, a programme of workshop events and activities for children and adults accompanies the exhibition, which runs until 2nd April.

The artist in residency is part of Happening on High Street, supported by funding from Arts Council England.

Paolozzi: Dynamic F.U.N is a Hayward Touring exhibition from London's Southbank Centre.

Sir Eduardo Paolozzi (1924–2005) was one of the pioneers of the pop art movement in the UK.

Born in Scotland, Paolozzi was a compulsive collector and a jumbler of icons.

He is equally revered for his mechanistic sculptures and his kaleidoscopic print projects.

### **Enough to make your hair curl**

A hair-raising exhibition is now on at Christchurch Mansion. "Twists & Turns" features the best Ipswich hairstyles from the 1960s to the present day. So, to have a look at your favourite style – and to explain to the kids what you might have looked like – go along to the Mansion (Tuesdays to Sundays).

**The exhibition runs until 24th September and entry is free.**

'We decided to open on Sundays to give more people the chance to look at our wonderful treasures as some cannot get there during the week because of work, school or other commitments'

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# Why we are the best for entertainment ...

What have Dirty Dancing, Russell Brand, the Buddy Holly Story, Jimmy Carr and David Walliams' Gangsta Granny got in common?

Well, they are all coming to the Regent Theatre, which has unveiled its new season.

If you add in Robin Hood (the Easter pantomime), crooner Daniel O'Donnell, Phil Collins and Al Murray you've got some surefire hits coming to Ipswich over the next few weeks.

Comedy legend Russell Brand's June show was an instant sell-out but there are still tickets available for his second show on 4th December.

And it's not only the Regent that's hosting some big attractions – the Corn Exchange has got some hits of its own – the Ipswich Symphony Orchestra, Count Arthur Strong,

Abbamania, the Wolsey orchestra and the Pro Darts Classic to name but a few.

"This new season contains some fantastic shows at both venues. It is as if the West End has come to your doorstep – without all the hassle and expense of getting there," said Bryony Rudkin, Ipswich Borough Council's Deputy Leader.

"We offer top comedy acts, musicals, ballet, opera and great live music appealing to all ages and tastes."

The Regent and Corn Exchange offer top comedy, musicals, ballet, opera and great live music ... make a day of it and enjoy a meal or a trip to Ipswich's free museums. And remember, if you are travelling by car, the Council offers a range of parking offers at [www.ipswich.gov.uk/parkingoffers](http://www.ipswich.gov.uk/parkingoffers)



# Jewel in the Crown

Work will begin in the spring on Ipswich's new multi-storey car park.

**Ipswich Borough Council is building a 546-space multi-storey car park on Crown Street to radically improve the town's car park offer.**

The old multi-storey car park was demolished in 2005 after “concrete cancer” was discovered. Since then, a surface car park with 230 spaces has catered for visitors to the town centre, Crown Pools and Ipswich Museum.

The surface car park will close in May to allow construction work to begin and the new £5.5 million facility will be completed early in 2018. However, the Council hopes to open nearly 60 lower level spaces before Christmas this year.

The Borough Council is committed to supporting town centre businesses by providing car parking at a competitive rate.

Last year, it opened a new surface car park in Elm Street and extended car parks in South Street and Smart

Street. The Regent car park at the bottom of Woodbridge Road is also set to offer more spaces.

The Crown car park project is one of the goals of the Ipswich Vision Group, which was set up to support, promote and enhance the town. Partners are: New Anglia Local Enterprise partnership, Ipswich Borough Council, Suffolk County Council, Ben Gummer MP, Ipswich Central, University of Suffolk and the Suffolk Chamber in Greater Ipswich.

Meanwhile, the Borough Council and its Vision partners are preparing to unveil new designs for the regeneration of the Cornhill, following a widespread consultation exercise last year.

**Further details - and the designs - will be published in the next issue of The Angle in June.**

‘The Council is committed to supporting town centre businesses’





# More homes

An application by the Borough Council to build 60 homes - 41 of them affordable - on the derelict Tooks Bakery site in Norwich Road has been approved. And work is set to start on more affordable homes on two small sites in the town.

**A total of seven two-bed council houses will be built – five on the site of an empty garage block in Widgeon Close, off Sheldrake Drive, and two on a disused parking area in Ainslie Road, between London Road and Norwich Road.**

## **EMPTY HOMES**

But the Council doesn't just build homes – a key role is to return more empty homes into use and it wants your help! An empty property can act as a magnet for crime and anti-social behavior, squatters and fly-tipping – they can also bring a sense of decay to the street and devalue neighbouring properties.

But owners of empty homes can lose out financially, with council tax bills of 150%, increased maintenance costs and insurance and a loss in potential rental income.

Any empty home is a waste and the Council is determined to get more back into use. We are having increasing success - both through grants for renovation and, at the last resort, through compulsory purchase. People can help us make more of an impact by telling us if they know of a long-term empty property.

Empty homes can bring down a neighbourhood, so your action will be having a positive local impact and helping to ease the town's housing need.

The Council is working with owners of empty homes to find out why they are empty and offering advice and assistance on bringing them back into use. As a last resort, the Council could use compulsory purchase to get a

home back into use. Landlords or owners of empty properties could be eligible for an Empty Homes Renovation Grant of up to £10,000 to bring a property back into use that has been empty for more than a year.

The Council also has an agreement with local estate agents and auctioneers who will charge an owner reduced fees when selling a long-term empty property.

**If you want to report a long-term empty home via the website on [www.ipswich.gov.uk/content/report-empty-property](http://www.ipswich.gov.uk/content/report-empty-property) or by calling 01473 433033.**

## **MORE HELP FOR HOMELESS**

Another property providing temporary accommodation for homeless people has been opened by Ipswich Borough Council. The house in the east of town, which can cater for up to eight households, adds to the range of accommodation provided at the new West Villa.

However, prevention remains at the heart of the Council's homelessness policy. Each year, it prevents around 600 households from losing their homes. If residents are concerned that for whatever reason they might lose their home in the next few weeks or months - perhaps through unemployment or personal circumstances changing - they should let the Housing Advice team know on 01473 433033.

That way, the Council can start helping as soon as possible and might be able to prevent the worst from happening.

## **FOCUS ON HOUSING**

### **Did you know?**

- \* Ipswich Borough Council works hard to prevent people becoming homeless. Last year, its housing options team prevented 610 households from becoming homeless by working with applicants to enable them to either stay in their current accommodation or find them an alternative private rented property.
- \* In the same 12 months, the Council determined 261 homelessness applications when it could not be prevented. The average decision time was under 15 days - much quicker than the Code of Guidance, which calls for a 33-day period.
- \* The Council also assisted 48 households into accommodation into the private rented sector by working closely with private landlords and offering a form of deposit guarantee. The Council's swift action has saved nearly £50,000 in extra costs.
- \* A last resort for the Council when it comes to rent arrears is to evict non-payers. This is something the Council does not like doing but has a responsibility to all council tax-payers to keep losses to a minimum. But by working with tenants in a different way and highlighting - and preventing - the reasons for debt our specialist team has not only managed to cut the number of evictions for rent arrears from 37 to 16 in the past year but has also slashed the total debt from £145,000 to £61,000.

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# Council's budget plans

Ipswich Borough Council has approved its Budget for the next four years.

The Budget includes a pledge to continue to build new homes and protect frontline services.

Council Leader David Ellesmere said: "This Council is facing unprecedented and sustained cuts in its funding from the Government. Despite this, we have still been able to deliver significant improvements to Ipswich, including: bringing 45 more empty homes back into use; setting up Ipswich Borough Assets and completing two major property deals, gaining permission for 67 council-built homes, introducing an out-of-hours noise nuisance service, refurbishing Christchurch Mansion, maintaining the free collection of brown bins and commencing Sunday opening at the Museum."

However, Councillor Ellesmere said cuts in government grant will cost the Council nearly £2 million next year and more than £12 million over the next four years.

"To address this we are increasing council tax

by 1.99% in line with Government guidance, are raising more income from property investments and trading services, making savings from procurement and a voluntary redundancy programme and using up all of our useable reserves."

Looking ahead, Councillor Ellesmere stressed his Administration wants to continue to invest in the town by building a multi-storey car park in Princes Street as well as the one off Crown Street. The building of new council homes, the Cornhill regeneration project, improvements to the Museum and regeneration of the Sproughton sugar beet site are all priorities, he said, along with matched funding for Broomhill Pool, new outdoor play equipment and working with the NHS to deliver a new GP surgery.

The Borough's share of the council tax is around 20% of household's total bill - the majority goes to Suffolk County Council (around 70%) and the Police & Crime Commissioner (around 10%). A 1.99% rise would equate to a 10p weekly rise for the average Band B property (69% of Ipswich homes are either Band A or B).

# HEARS



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**HEARS enables people needing support to live as independently as possible in their own homes, for as long as they are able and wish to do so.**

The service, provided by Ipswich Borough Council, works by providing a personal mobile button, which can be worn as a pendant or wrist strap.

An alarm unit is also provided and this is connected through a home telephone socket to the Ipswich based 24-hour control team.

The alarm can be used in an accident or emergency, such as a fall. At the touch of a button you will automatically be connected to the 24-hour control team where an operator will be able to speak to you through the powerful loud speaker on the alarm unit.

The control team will automatically know who and where you are, whether to inform your friends, family, HEARS response team or the emergency services.

HEARS provides two options - a full response and monitoring service for £5.15 a week or monitoring only for £2.55 a week. There is a one-off installation fee of £25 for either option.

The service is available to people living in Ipswich and the surrounding area – including Hadleigh, Stowmarket, Felixstowe and Wickham Market - to anyone who wants to live independently but would like the option of asking for help when they need it.

More than 1,100 customers are already members of the “HEARS family”. If you have family or friends who would benefit from the service please let them know and give piece of mind to you and them.

**For more information about HEARS please visit [www.ipswich.gov.uk/HEARS](http://www.ipswich.gov.uk/HEARS) or call the 24 hour control team on 01473 433236**

## Your Area Committees

**Ipswich Borough Council's Area Committees give you the chance to raise your views, share your opinion and contribute to positive changes in your neighbourhood.**

Ipswich is divided into five areas, and each of those areas are split into wards. There are three Councillors per ward, representing you, a resident of that area.

Councillors work with residents, businesses and community groups at these public meetings to discuss how money can be spent and how the area can be improved.

Not only are Area Committees investing thousands of pounds into the local community, they are also securing match funding from other organisations.

So, get along to your next meeting – it's a chance to have your say and hear what's going on around you.

We are currently half way through the Area Committee cycle of meetings, but here are details of what's coming up:

**South East: Wednesday 15 March, 7pm at Nansen Road Baptist Church Hall, Nansen Road, IP3 9HN**

**North East: Thursday 16 March, 7pm at St John's Church Hall, Cauldwell Hall Road, IP4 4QE**

**South West: Thursday 23 March, 6.30pm at Chantry Methodist Church, Kingfisher Avenue, IP2 0QN**

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All communities are welcome to celebrate Holi. Come with your families and friends for lots of fun for all ages

- From 12pm onwards catering stalls are open
- Playing Rangoli 1.30pm - 2.30pm
- Bollywood entertainment throughout the event
- Enjoy the bonfire
- Music, singing & dancing
- Henna hand painting
- Indian food stalls

Coloured powder will be provided. Please feel free to bring coconut, popcorn, grains, etc. to throw in the bonfire. Please wear old clothing and bring a change of clothing if you are actively going to join in the spirit of Holi.

Entrance via Myrtle Road. Parking: Athena Hall covered car park, Wykes Bishop Street, Ipswich IP3 0DT and at Orwell Quay car park.

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# What to recycle

Ipswich residents are recycling more than 20,000 tonnes of waste each year and a new campaign is highlighting the importance of people getting their recycling right.

All recyclable waste collected from Ipswich homes is taken to the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Great Blakenham, where it is sorted and baled before being sent on for recycling. But if the wrong items are delivered they have to be removed, sometimes by hand.

To ensure the correct items are put into their blue bins, Ipswich residents are being asked to remember the following ...



**Textiles and clothes can no longer go in the blue bin**, either bagged or loose. People are asked to donate their clothing to charity shops or to take it to their nearest recycling banks.



Anything smaller than 4cm, such as loose bottle tops or shredded paper, won't get recycled as they fall through the sorting process. However, **bottle tops can be recycled by simply washing and squashing plastic bottles and putting the tops back on.**



Aluminium foil needs to be rolled into a tennis ball size before being placed in the blue bin.

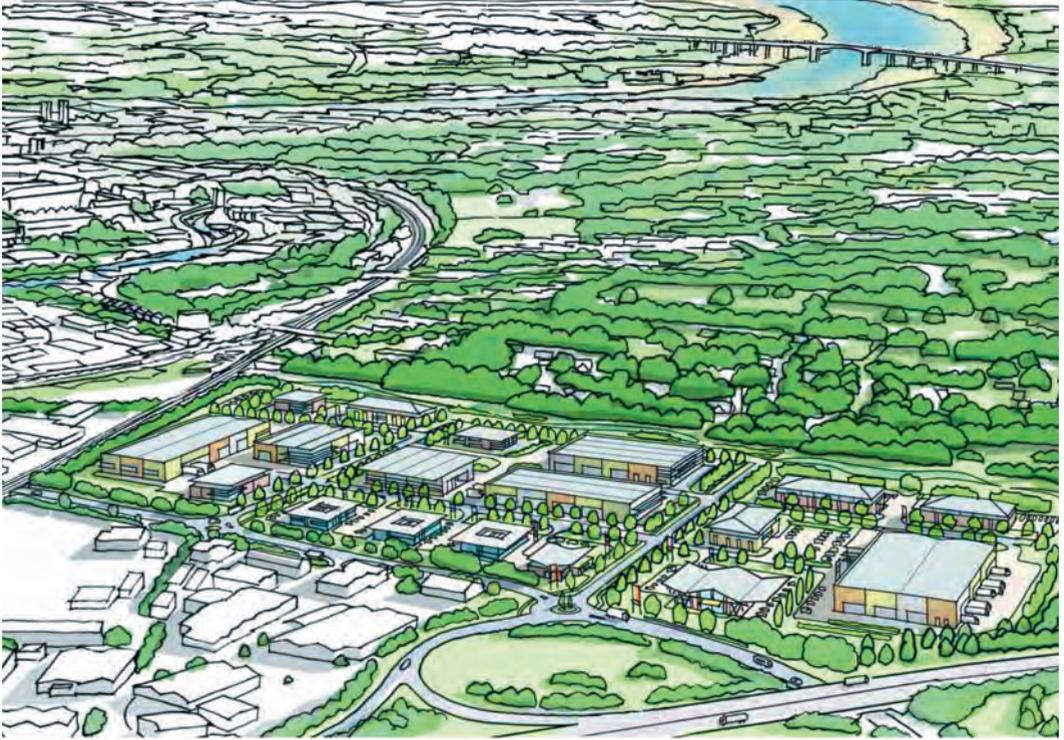


Glass, electrical items and batteries **cannot go in your blue bin** but can be recycled in other ways, for example glass can go in glass banks.



Some people are even putting used nappies in their recycling bins. **Nappies must always go in the black bin.**

To find out more about the location of recycling banks and other information, please go to [www.ipswich.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.ipswich.gov.uk/recycling)



# Master plan to transform sugar beet site

The creation of a key regional employment site on the edge of Ipswich has moved a big step forward with the publication of a development master plan.

The master plan shows how the former sugar beet factory at Sproughton will be transformed into a business park - and create thousands of new jobs.

The Borough Council bought the 130-acre site at the end of 2014 and has now approved a planning blueprint produced by its consultants, David Lock Associates.

Demolition of the derelict silos and other buildings on the former British Sugar site will take place in the next few months before a road network is laid out.

Council Leader David Ellesmere said there had been a great deal of interest in the site. "This is one of the most important development sites in the region. It enjoys excellent transport and we are confident its transformation could eventually bring thousands of jobs to the local area."

## **Garden Suburb**

The first major application of Ipswich's Garden Suburb has been given the green light by the Borough Council.

Crest Nicholson plans to build 1,100 homes north of the railway line between Westerfield Road and Henley Road. The Council insists the developer must help fund a country park, roads and schools.

A second major application is expected to be discussed by the Planning & Development Committee in the spring.

## **Local Plan**

Ipswich Borough Council has approved an updated Local Plan, which sets out a framework for development across the Borough over the next 14 years. The Local Plan is a key document and helps members of the Council's Planning Committee decide on applications as well as map how the town might look and grow in the future.



# Give us a (Fairtrade) break!

Ipswich is proud to be a Fairtrade town, having been awarded this ethical accolade in 2008 by The Fairtrade Foundation

Fairtrade Fortnight runs from 27th February -12th March with the theme being "It's Time To Put Fairtrade In Your Break."

We all need a break, be it tea, coffee, a bar of chocolate, a banana, but what about those who grow and produce our breaks? They also need a break, a break in the cycle of poverty that traps them and their families to uncertain futures.

Did you know that a third of people in Kenya's coffee and tea growing regions live in poverty? Or that more than two million children work in hazardous conditions in cocoa production in Ivory Coast and Ghana? Or that one in 10 children in the tea growing regions of Malawi die before their fifth birthday?

By changing a few of our regular shopping habits we can significantly help improve the lives of farmers and their families.

The Fairtrade Shop in Ipswich opened more than 25 years ago, moving to Orwell Place five years later. In 2015, with a wider range of Fair Trade goods on sale, the shop moved to bigger premises in Upper Brook Street.

The shop is run by a board of directors, a part-time paid manager and a number of hard-working and committed volunteers. It relies on the support of the people of Ipswich and visitors will always receive a warm welcome as well as knowing your purchases will help bring a better life to those for whom life is hard in the developing world.

So, if you need need a break how about a cup of Fairtrade tea or coffee and a flapjack or chocolate bar certified with the Fairtrade mark. Help to make a difference and make life fairer for our break makers across the world?

***Elaine Coltham, Chair, Ipswich Fairtrade Steering Group***

***Margaret Fish - Fair Trade Shop***

**Ipswich Borough Council supports Fairtrade**  
[www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

# LEARN TO SWIM



Operating across Crown Pools and Fore Street Baths, Ipswich Borough Council offers a quality swimming programme for everyone from children aged 6 months and above to advanced adults.

**Your success is our priority as we understand the importance of achieving this valuable life skill**

The programme is run by our fantastic team of Amateur Swimming Association qualified swimming instructors.

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We also offer a range of personal challenge courses such as Snorkelling and Rookie Lifesaving plus 1 to 1 or 2 to 1 tuition for a more personal approach.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.ipswich.gov.uk/swimminglessons](http://www.ipswich.gov.uk/swimminglessons)

For personal advice, guidance or to book a free assessment, please call 01473 433655 or email [swimming.courses@ipswich.gov.uk](mailto:swimming.courses@ipswich.gov.uk).



*Bookings for our next course of lessons open from Monday 20th March, with sessions starting in the week commencing 10th April. Prices start at just £49.40 for a 10-week course.*