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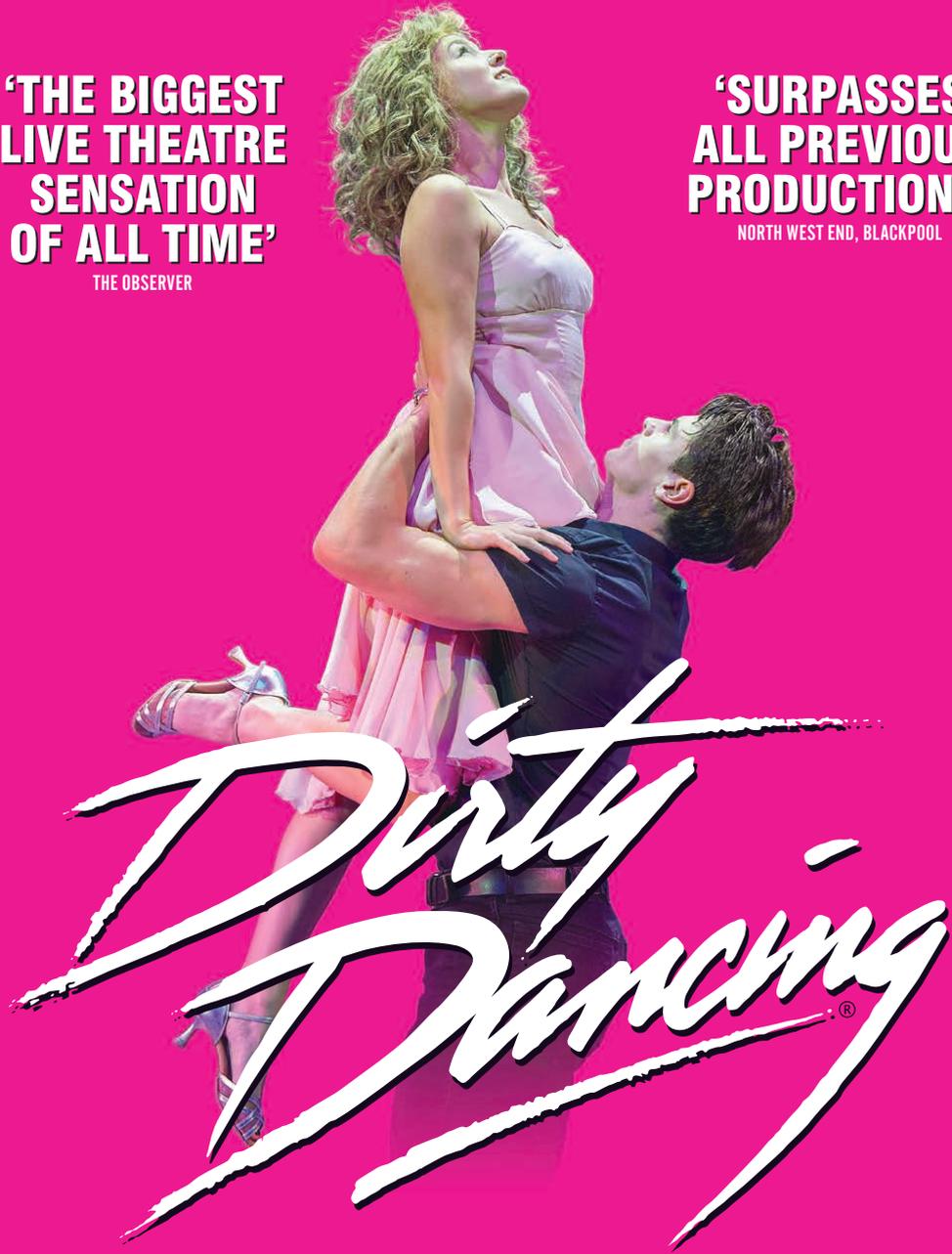
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Best shows in the region

Welcome to the Regent Theatre and Ipswich Corn Exchange.

There is something for everyone coming up, including the spectacular *Dirty Dancing*, with fantastic songs, story and cast. This classic stage sensation is back at the Regent from Monday 8th to 13th April. You will most definitely have the time of your life.

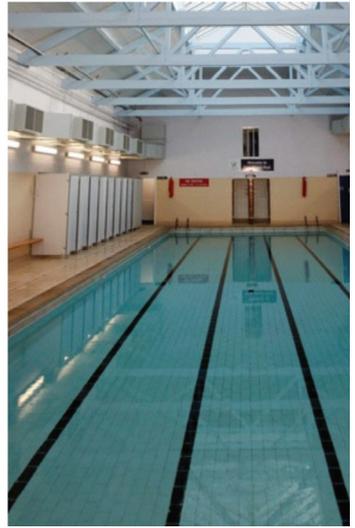
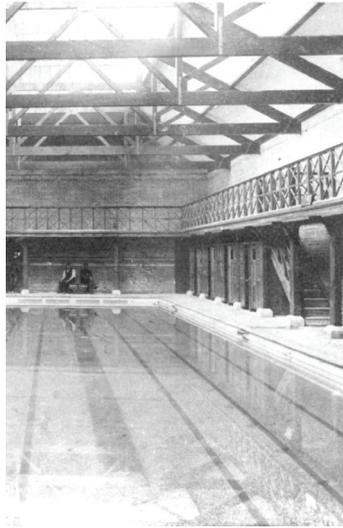
Dani Harmer and Bobby Davro take to the stage in the Easter panto, *Peter Pan*, full of oohs and aahs, flying and villains. Book your tickets – the croc is ticking! Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th April.

Hot on their heels is *Avenue Q*, half felt, half flesh and all heart. This charming tale of life in a New York street will delight and amuse. Regent Theatre Tuesday 30th April to Saturday 4th May.

Over at the Corn Exchange, we offer *Girl Power* – the Spice Girls Experience, *The Story of Guitar Heroes*, *Steeleye Span* (50th anniversary tour) and the sensational *Sleaford Mods*.

If classical music is your thing, don't miss Trianon's *Jubilant Sounds* concert on Saturday 27th April, with music from Rutter, Sibelius, Prokofiev to name just three.

There is much more to see. Go to www.ipswichregent.com for more details and to book your tickets.



Help pool celebrate a special anniversary

Fore Street Pool is celebrating its 125th birthday this year and we want you to help make it a splashing birthday.

The pool was opened in March 1894 by the Mayor of Ipswich, Samuel Richard Anness, and Felix Cobbold, former Vice-President of the Swimming Club, who offered to donate land he owned in Fore Street for the facility.

Fore Street Pool will have a special opening weekend on Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th March to celebrate. The weekend will include a Sub Aqua session, Life-saving Championships and free public swimming sessions with a donation to the Mayor's chosen charity, the Suffolk Law Centre.

Heritage displays will be available for public to view over the weekend containing memories from Fore Street, Crown Pools, Broomhill and St Matthew's Baths.

125 Swim Challenge will run throughout March for swimmers to challenge themselves to swim 125 lengths of the pool in honour of the anniversary.

Have you got any memories that you would like to share? Did you learn to swim there? If so, post them on our Ipswich Fit Facebook page.

www.ipswichfit.co.uk/forestreet125years

Did you know?

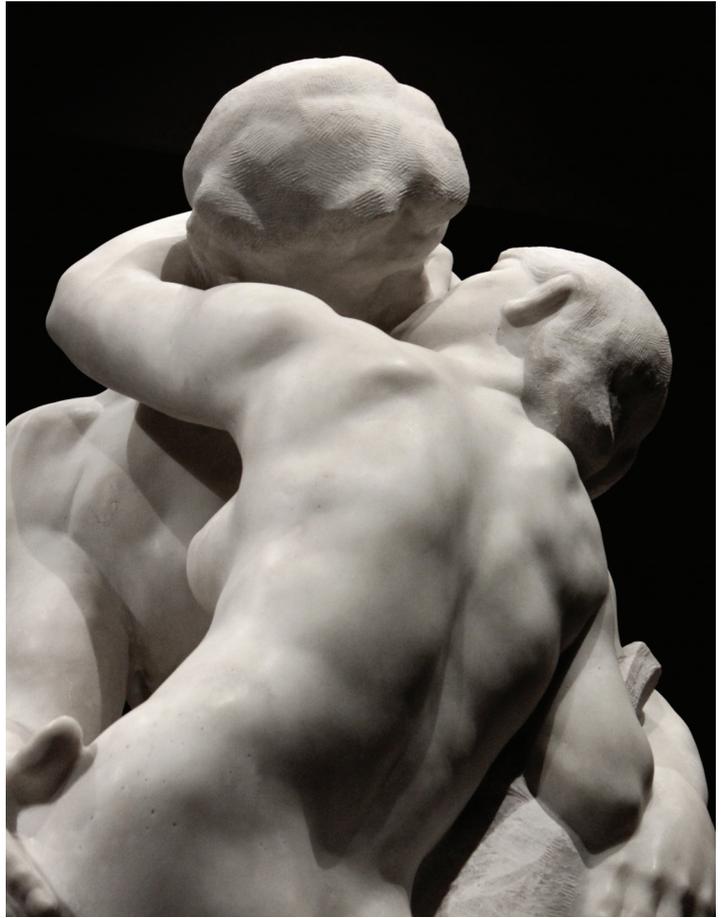
- * Originally 72 feet long, the pool is now 75 feet in length to allow racing galas to be held;
- * At the end of the first year, Fore Street saw more than 28,000 people attend;
- * The first attendants were paid 30 shillings a week;

Long-serving members of staff, Rob Bridgeman and Terry Cloud, have chlorine running through their veins - between them they have clocked up 75 years at the pool.

Kiss & Tell your friends

One of the most significant art exhibitions ever to visit Suffolk continues to attract thousands of people to Christchurch Mansion.

Auguste Rodin's iconic life-size marble sculpture, The Kiss, is on display until 28th April and visitor numbers to the Mansion are up by almost two thirds on this time last year. The Kiss is on loan from the Tate Collection and is the centre-piece of the Kiss and Tell: Rodin and Suffolk Sculpture exhibition. Visitors can discover the story of The Kiss and look at other images of love and devotion found in Ipswich Museums' own collections. The Mansion is open from Tuesdays to Sundays.



What a sweet surprise for Wool-I-am!

Four year-old Suffolk boy Jack Smith loves Ipswich Museum, particularly its best-known resident, Wool-I-am the mammoth.

In fact, he loves it so much that he and big sister Amelia, seven, held a sweet sale outside their school and raised £50 to help with the annual spring-clean of High Street's favourite resident.

James Steward, Manager of Ipswich Museum, said he was very touched by the generous gesture.

"Museums are all about people and the fact that a new generation loves our mammoth and our High Street museum is really important. We shall be using the £50 raised to help with the mammoth's annual spring clean, which will ensure he looks spick and span for all our visitors." James and Amelia went along for a special guided tour of the Museum.



Book your Xtreme party now

We have some good news if you enjoyed – or wish you had – the Xtreme activities hosted by the Borough Council during the summer holiday. The three Xtreme events – Bubble Football (pictured), Battlezone Archery and Bazooka Ball - are now on offer as one-hour parties at Northgate Sports Centre. With coaches on hand, this is for up to 18 people (minimum age 12). The parties are available at weekends and cost £110 for outdoors and £130 indoors. www.ipswichfit.co.uk



Be the Link in YOUR Community



Age UK Suffolk is recruiting volunteers for its exciting new Community Links project.

As a Community Link volunteer you will:

- Deliver information to older people's clubs
- Share information on services available
- Attend local events to promote & fundraise
- Find out the issues facing older people



This role would suit you if you are confident talking to a wide range of people, are a good listener and have a few hours to spare each week. Full training and support provided.

If you are interested in this role, contact Lucy Evans on 07525 817984 or email community.links@ageuksuffolk.org

Registered charity: 1085900

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EACH needs your help

East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) are looking for volunteers to spend a couple of hours a week, or even an hour a month, helping a family with a child who accesses its hospice in their own home.

Caring for a seriously ill child or youngster can put a lot of extra demand on a family. The aim of the Help at Home service is to put a caring individual into a family's home to provide everyday practical support such as cooking, sibling support, cleaning and gardening.

If you would like any more information or to apply then please email hugh.fenton-anwyll@each.org .uk or call Hugh on 01473 271334.

Area Committee updates

Making a real difference to your community

Ipswich Borough Council's five Area Committees bring decision-making closer to home.

Here are some examples of how local groups have benefitted in the past 12 months ...

Three new educational workshops for schools visiting Ipswich Museum have been made possible by a grant of £4,500 from the **Central Area Committee**.

The **South East Area Committee** gave £960 to the Baby Bereavement Tree of Remembrance project in Holywells Park to provide clearer signs.

Handford Cut parking barrier gates have been installed thanks to £975 from the **South East Area Committee**. This was done after residents complained about drug dealing from cars.

The Ipswich Jazz Festival will be able to expand its offer, introduce a free Brazilian jazz show, and offer concessionary tickets thanks to a grant of £3,100 made by **all the Area Committees**.

Befriending schemes for the over 50s, help for vulnerable residents, tenant participation and support for the Pita Festival and 1 Big Multicultural Festival – all made possible by £7,500 grants to the Bangladeshi Support Centre from **all the Area Committees**.

Craft events, exhibitions and Equali Teas and reconstructions all contributed to Women's Voices – Ipswich Women's Festival Group celebrations of some women getting the vote in 1918. £4,700 in total was given by **the five Area Committees**.

Another group to benefit from financial support (a total of £2,300) across **all the Area Committees** was Oyster Press for the Who Cares project for clients of Suffolk Family Carers. Printmaking workshops led to an exhibition at DanceEast.

The Out Loud Music team at South Street Studios off Norwich Road benefitted from a £4,500 grant from **Central Area Committee**.

Summer social activities under the Holiday at Home scheme was awarded £440 by the **Central Area Committee** to Christ Church to help local people.

The **North East Area Committee** gave £2,250 to support sports activities over the summer holiday last year.

The Creative Computing Club was given £9,400 by the **South East Area Committee** towards the cost of after-school computer and technology sessions at Ipswich Academy. South East also supported school science workshops at Holywells Park (£1,230) and community projects in the Nacton Road area (£5,000).

The **North West Area Committee** gave £3,000 to support free sports activities for youngsters last summer in a scheme partnered by the Borough Council and Suffolk Positive Futures.

The **South West Area Committee** supported an EARLY Minds wellbeing project for primary school children (£2,550), repairs to the community hall of St Francis Church (£7,000), drop-in advice service at Hawthorn Drive GP surgery (£4,550) and a Big Garden Party community fun day (£960).

Your Area Committees

The next meetings are:

South East: Wed 13th March 7pm Murrayfield Primary School, Nacton Road IP3 9JL

North West: Thurs 14th March 7pm The Deaf Association, Suffolk House, 2 Wharfedale Road IP1 4JP

North East: Thurs 21st March 7.30pm Ransomes Sports Pavilion, Sidegate Avenue IP4 4JJ
www.ipswich.gov.uk/areacommittees

If you see a rodent in the town centre - report it!

Ipswich Borough Council has issued guidance to people if they see a rat or a mouse in the town centre.

Public sightings are quite rare but if you do see a rat or a mouse in a public place you can report them to the Council's 01473 433115 customer services number or complete an online form at www.ipswich.gov.uk The Council can then take action.

We will send our contractor, Millennium Pest Control, to investigate and advise on what needs to be done. If the issue is on Council-owned public land then Millennium will be authorised to deal with it. If it is on private land then the Council will find out who the landowner is and work with them to resolve it.

Here are some questions we get asked about rodents:

Will the Council send a pest control officer to my home?

No. The Council does not currently offer this service. We advise residents to contact a local pest control firm for help with dealing with rodents in their home or garden.

Does the Council use bait?

The Council's contractors follow national guidelines and use bait only as a last resort and usually after any necessary environmental improvements, such as cutting back bushes, has been undertaken.

Who is responsible for paying for rodent control?

Ipswich Borough Council will pay for the control of rodents where it owns the land. If the problem is on private land the Council will encourage the landowner to deal with the issue but will not pay for it. Residents are responsible for paying for rodent control at their home.

What does the Council do if a private landowner does not deal with rodents properly?

The Council can serve an enforcement notice on the owner or the occupier of the land requiring them to carry out work to deal with the problem. This can include treatment of the problem and/or structural works to buildings or drainage. The recipient of the enforcement notice is given a period of time to complete the works and the Council will check to see if they have been done.

More new homes

Preliminary work has got under way at the former Tooks site in Norwich Road.

Sixty affordable homes are being built by Ipswich Borough Council's Handford Homes development company, which has appointed a local contractor, Gipping Construction, to undertake the work.

We will bring you more details in the next issue of Angle.

Meanwhile, work is progressing on 17 new homes at a disused site in Cauldwell Hall Road, which will be completed by Christmas.

Brighter park centre

Go along to the Reg Driver Visitor Centre in Christchurch Park and you will notice things look a lot brighter.

For parks staff donned their overalls and picked up paint brushes and pots to transform the reception area into a daffodil shade of white.

"Getting together and sprucing up the centre has put a spring in their step," said Parks Operations Manager Lisa Stannard.

Brew not Blue

Ipswich Mayor Jane Riley joined Samaritans volunteers to hand out tea bags, listening advice and leaflets at Ipswich railway station on a chilly winter day. The idea was to turn Blue Monday into Brew Monday.



Why not play at Music Day?

Aspiring musicians still have an opportunity to book their place at Ipswich Music Day and have a chance of playing in front of thousands of people.

Christchurch Park will be packed with music fans of all ages and tastes on Sunday 7th July – all we need is a great line-up.

Whatever you play, whatever you sing, if you're good enough we want to hear you. Please fill in an application form and attach a link to your music, a description of yourself or your group and an image for the programme.

Applications close at 3pm on Monday 25th March. A selection committee will review all applications and let the successful ones know on Tuesday 23rd April.

Ipswich Music Day is the UK's biggest free one-day music festival – there are no fees or expenses for performers but you do get to see what it's like to play in front of a crowd of 35,000.

Ipswich Music Day will be 29 years old this summer and is brought to you again by the

Borough Council and its sponsors. There are six stages of live entertainment and music from local upcoming artists. The sun always shines, so, whatever your genre, forget about Coldplay and think of becoming a Red Hot Chilli Pepper.

You can find the application online at www.ipswichentertains.co.uk/musicday2019

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Mark our words: keep your streets clean!



Have you wondered why BBC Radio Suffolk presenter Mark Murphy is plastered all over our bin lorries?

Well, Mark is the public face of our new Love Your Street campaign, which encourages residents to help keep our town clean by using litter bins and taking pride in their local area.

Mark joined up with Borough Council staff to launch Love Your Street – assisted by the Council's DiGBY mascot – the blue octopus uses his eight tentacles to pick up lots of litter. DiGBY became famous after appearing as a mural on the side of a silo on Ipswich Waterfront.

It's not just about using litter bins, though, you can also get involved in other ways. Show how much you love your street by getting together with your neighbours, family

or friends and organising a community litter-pick. Be part of the Great British Spring Clean 22 March – 23 April. Check our website for details of our DiGBY litter walk. The Council will supply you with litter picking sticks, refuse sacks and hi-vis vests – staff will even collect the sacks when you have finished (Monday – Friday between 9am – 5pm). Contact Glynis Wood on 01473 432994 or email glynis.wood@ipswich.gov.uk ipswichloveyourstreet.co.uk

Recycling is not rubbish!

Another important way to make Ipswich a greener place is to sort out what goes into your bins!

In Suffolk, more than half of our household waste is recycled, but contamination levels are still a problem as some residents put unsuitable items such as food, glass, electrical items and even used nappies in their blue bins.

This can have a negative impact on the environment and costs more to clean up.

Remember, your blue bins are for plastic bottles, pots and tubs, cartons such as Tetra-pak), empty aerosols, aluminium and steel cans, pots and pans, aluminium foil, cardboard, books and paper.

A good tip

In addition, you can take unwanted items such as old toasters or kettles to your nearest household waste recycling centre (Portman Walk or Foxhall). Go to www.ipswich.gov.uk/content/hwrcc to find out the opening times of your nearest recycling centre.

Bigger items such as fridges and washing machines can be picked up for FREE by the Ipswich Furniture Project and it doesn't matter if they don't work. Call 01473 404004 or email service@ipswichfp.org

HLF boost for Council's Museum transformation



Ipswich Borough Council has received initial National Lottery support of almost half a million pounds for Ipswich Museum to inspire a new generation of visitors.

The ambitious project aims to refurbish the Victorian building, stripping it back to how it would have been in 1881.

New displays and activity programmes will take the Museum back to its roots, celebrating the Victorians' innovation and imagination, while challenging their world-view and encouraging new conversations with today's audiences.

Thanks to National Lottery players, development funding of £461,600 has been awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to help the Council to prepare detailed plans to apply for a full National Lottery grant at a later date.

This £8 million project aims to carry out essential conservation work to the building in High Street, stripping the interior back to the 19th Century original, creating additional gallery space to display more of Ipswich's collections, refurbishing existing galleries, creating a new educational space and providing a new café, shop area and toilets to enhance the visitor experience.

The Museum will work with Ipswich communities and visitors to reinterpret the collections, gather new stories and create fresh conversations so people gain a sense of pride in their town – to understand that not only does Ipswich have a rich history but that it is also forward thinking and interested in a dynamic future.

Action on air quality

A new Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) has been adopted by Ipswich Borough Council in a bid to make Ipswich cleaner and greener.

The plan outlines actions needed to improve air quality, including encouraging better driver behaviour and less engine idling; greener vehicles and bus fleets; reviewing traffic management arrangements and cycling and pedestrian routes; and promoting public transport instead of reliance on private cars.

In addition, air quality issues will be embedded in major planning decision-making. Air pollution is recognised as a contributing factor in the onset of heart disease and cancer, and affects the most vulnerable in society - children and older people, as well as those with heart and lung conditions.

There are five Air Quality Management Areas in Ipswich – at and around Norwich Road / Chevallier Street, Valley Road junctions; parts of Crown Street; Star Lane / Key Street / College Street and nearby areas; Bramford Road / Yarmouth Road junction and part of Chevallier Street; and land in and around St Matthews' Street roundabout.

The Council accepts that there are many air quality factors outside its control but wants to work with partners to take a lead on the issue.

Council tax plans: 16p a week more for Borough services

Ipswich Borough Council services will cost an extra 16p per week for most households if proposals are given the green light at full Council.

The Borough's share of people's bills is just 20% - the rest comes from Suffolk County Council and the Police & Crime Commissioner.

Borough Leader David Ellesmere said his administration would continue to provide "a wide range of quality services to the people of Ipswich despite major cuts in government funding".

He added: "Under our budget proposals, our innovative approach to meeting our financial challenges will protect frontline services from

cuts while making savings in the running of the council. We have significantly increased our income by investing in commercial properties across Ipswich."

Councillor Ellesmere pledged to keep brown bins free of charge, to build new council homes at the old Tooks site in Norwich Road and at Cauldwell Hall Road, to open a new unit for homeless families and to invest in arts, culture and entertainment. "We will also make a free summer iCard for young people permanent."

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A meeting of full Council was debating the budget proposals as Angle went to press.

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Have fun with an allotment

Spring is in the air - almost - and it is a great time to get out on to your allotment.

If you haven't already got one – now is a good time to consider renting one and combining getting fit and eating more healthily.

More than 2,000 green-fingered allotment-holders in Ipswich are already benefitting from enjoying delicious vegetables and fruit they have grown themselves.

There are 16 allotment fields in Ipswich and although some are full the Borough Council currently has plenty of vacancies.

Richard Sharp looks after allotments at the Borough and is keen to get the message across. He told Angle: "In the six months I have been in the job I have learnt what an amazing community, young, old and culturally is found on allotment fields. It has been great discovering Ipswich's allotment fields, some with amazing views across the town, offering a green hub for growing fruit and vegetables and their wildlife. In fact, the allotment community has prompted me to get my greenish fingers

out and rent a plot. The whole family are having great fun being outside digging and planting, getting great exercise, with the reward of eating our own grown delicious produce."

If you are interested in taking up an allotment plot visit www.ipswich.gov.uk/parks and contact a Field Secretary on a field near you.

It costs around 90p a week to rent a full-size plot on an allotment (even less for older people and concessionary groups and for those who prefer a smaller plot) and you can save a lot more by growing your own – and getting fit into the bargain.

There are currently vacant plots at the following fields:

Aster Road, Bramford Lane, London Road, Maidenhall, Whitton Church Lane, Back Hamlet, Holywells, Sidegate Lane, Northgate & Colchester Road, Felixstowe Road, Castle Hill, Belstead.



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MonuMart builds new future with Council help



Logistics and internet retail company MonuMart is trading from the former Billingtons site at Europa House after leasing the site from Ipswich Borough Assets (IBA), the Council's property investment company. MonuMart Director Colin Louch said the company wanted to stay in the town and expand.

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