



# Felixstowe chamber of trade and commerce **NEWSLETTER**

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## **Hamilton Road & Shared Space**

With the near completion of the Shared Space initiative, funded by Haven Gateway, the Chamber were planning a day of events to lead up to the Town's kind of official opening which was to coincide



with the Christmas Lights being turned on, Saturday 27th November, the annual event organised by The Felixstowe Lions.

However, following the decision to now extend the road development from 'Bank Corner' down to the recently completed works on Bent Hill, a decision that we feel was exactly what was needed, any kind of Grand Opening should probably be delayed until such is achieved; and who's to say it might not complement the ongoing

work on Crescent Road Car Park where the new lavatories are to be conveniently situated: who is shedding a tear that the now infamous central attraction of Felixstowe, on the triangle, aka 'The Lavatories', with a clock, will be raised to the ground! (interesting turn of phrase).

Hopefully all will agree with the Chamber that the works carried out so far are impressive, as are the items of street furniture, bicycle racks, litter bins, newly re-

stored lighting, and the general sense of freedom and space. It is hoped that businesses along the stretch of Hamilton Road will do something similar with shop fronts, and the continual need to clean up litter, given that those council workers who do a good job everyday, cannot be expected to be there all the time. Vigilance will be the key and doubtless too the 'mot juste' for whoever becomes responsible for the parking of cars in the area, once the road is open.

## **New Deputy for the Chamber**

With the recent resignation of Carol Jones as Deputy Chair of the Chamber, our last meeting mid-September unanimously agreed to the position being offered to Andrew Rowdon, who duly accepted the responsibility. For those who are familiar with 'Andrew

Rowdon Travel', few words are necessary; but for those who aren't, then stand-by! This man is no straightforward Travel Agent: he once played youth football with Tottenham Hot-spurs; played county Rugby; is apparently some hurdler, and even recorded his own CD...sang at the London Palladium! He has also been pretty active with the chamber since joining last year, not least with representing the chamber on 'Felixstowe Future's,

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Future's, and being instrumental (with Nick Barber) in the launch of the reformed Visit Felixstowe Website, an initiative which is intended to be self-funding, with companies like Poor Richard's Books volunteering approximately £40 a year for substantial promotion. So welcome, Andrew, on behalf of all The Chamber.

*Andrew Rowdon*  
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