**Suffolk Day Proclamation 2025**

On behalf of the Lord Lieutenant and all the civic leaders of Suffolk, we want to tell you about the bright future that awaits Lowestoft. A place where creativity and community thrive. Our rich history inspires many generations- from the fishing industry all the way to the maintenance of one of the UK’s largest wind farms.

On sunny afternoons or on stormy days, Lowestoft has countless fun filled opportunities at hand - strolls on the beach, playing in the arcade, live music, cosy tea-rooms and award-winning fish & chips. Lowestoft is so much more than 'just' a sea-side town; it’s a place filled with hope and positivity - having a coastal community with a proud past and a much brighter future.

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In 2019 our local council saw the need to declare a climate crisis and granted a £12.3 million fund to research any solution to this issue. Due to this, the local area was provided with new hope. This funding allowed for actions which decreased the local carbon emissions by 1,288 tonnes.

As a leading area in green energy, the work that has been done to combat climate change allows us to focus on a brighter future. The efforts from our area are a rising sun against the darkness of the current situation, and the future growing ever brighter.

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Art and culture are the bright future of Lowestoft. We are the birthplace of Benjamin Britten and his inspirational music that transcended the globe. We are the canvas for Banksy’s staycation. We are home to three flourishing theatres. Moreover, Lowestoft was the maiden voyage for the award-winning band ‘The Darkness’.

With the plans for Battery Green and the seafront, the vision of 2025 is that Lowestoft will become a vibrant and energised town awakening arts, heritage and culture. This weekend we will see tens of thousands of people flock to our beach to celebrate the solstice at the First Light Festival: a celebration of the first place to see the rising sun surrounded by music, sculptures and artists.

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'As we look ahead, Lowestoft stands tall as a beacon of progress and pride — a town where the spirit of innovation meets the warmth of tradition. From our historic roots to our forward-thinking future, we are a community united by purpose and place. Whether through the arts, environmental leadership, or the simple joy of seaside living, Lowestoft continues to inspire all who visit or call it home.

Together, we honour our past, embrace the present, and shape a future full of light.

In Lowestoft, the sun rises not just first—but brightest.'

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