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## The arts enrich us all – so give us our fair share of the cash

We have long known that the east is the poor relation when it comes to arts funding – but the figures published today lay bare just how stark and hugely unfair the difference is.

Even on a per-head count, London far exceeds the east of England.

We have written much about our poor performance when it comes to social mobility and those trying to address this issue should sit up and take notice of these figures.

The arts are about more than entertainment.

Those involved gain valuable skills and perspectives which are important in all walks of life.

It is wrong that someone growing up in a market town in Norfolk has far fewer cultural opportunities than someone born in inner city London.

The government says it recognises the inequality, but the shift is not happening fast enough.

There are many fabulous organisations in our region which do some amazing work in bringing joy, entertainment and new experiences to people from all walks of life.

More of this please.

As in many areas of public life, as a region we punch well above our weight.

Just think what we could do if we were given our fair share of investment in our arts and cultural scene.

The continued support of our arts is vital if we are to continue to be a thriving tourism destination, but more importantly for the welfare, education and opportunities for those who grow up, live and work outside London.

## Broads blueprint is key

A break on the Broads conjures up images of dreamy summer days out and tranquil family holidays, escaping from the realities of the everyday routine.

But as well as being a constant source of pride for the region, the treasured Norfolk and Suffolk wetlands are a key factor in our tourism economy – contributing about £594m in 2014.

So it is crucial that those who live and work in the area have their say on an ongoing consultation to shape its future.

The Broads Authority is seeking opinions on its Broads Local Plan, which will be a factor in shaping planning applications to come – and we need to get it right. As well as housing, the document will influence infrastructure, tourism, amenities, shopping, helping the environment and much more up until 2036.

Too often, we hear of communities that are fighting developments they don't want – and that are desperate for infrastructure to support them.

So, with just less than two weeks until it closes, make sure you log on or phone up and have your say.

The treasured Broads are the jewel in our crown – and it is important we fight to protect them.

## Build on the win, City

"Never mind the excitement, feel the points" might be a fair reaction to Norwich City's prosaic but purposeful 1-0 win at West Brom.

For the points really were the... point. The Canaries desperately needed a win to reward them for improved recent efforts. Now they have dragged themselves out of the bottom three and applied the handbrake to an apparently unstoppable downhill drive.

Hope has been rekindled – and how we needed it. Now it's time for City to maximise the momentum in the next few games.

## READER'S PICTURE OF THE DAY

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■ This seal sunning itself at Horsey appears to be having a laugh in a picture taken by Chris Betts. If you would like to submit a picture for possible publication in the EDP, visit [www.iwitness24.co.uk](http://www.iwitness24.co.uk)

## Have you noticed the name's the same in several places?

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The Kingdom of East Anglia probably formed a single, separate ethnic and linguistic area from very early on during the Anglo-Saxon settlement of England.

Dr OK Schram, an expert on East Anglian place names, suggested it isn't a coincidence that Norfolk and Suffolk share a number of place names that are not found anywhere else in the country.

There are only three places in England called Tuddenham, but two of them are in Suffolk and the other one is in Norfolk. The name would originally have been Tudda's ham. Ham, meaning homestead, is typically found in place names which were given to the very earliest settlements in the Anglian colonisation of eastern England. So Tudda could have been a rather common man's name in fifth-century East Anglian culture.

Similarly, there are just three English places called Walsham, but two of them are in Norfolk and one in Suffolk. Walsham was probably based on the man's name Wæl, as also found in Walsingham, which we can perhaps assume was rather common in the early Anglian society of our region.

There are also two places in England called Barsham; again one is in Norfolk,



■ Same name... but different places and in different counties.

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the other in Suffolk. The Bar part probably came from the Old English word for boar, so we can suppose that the East Angles, maybe unlike other Anglo-Saxons, were in the habit of using "boar" as a nickname for a man.

There are several other place names which occur only twice in England, with one in each of the two original East Anglian counties. These include Brettenham, Elmham, Fakenham, Helmingham, Rougham, and Shimpling. We also have Barninghams in Norfolk and Suffolk, although there's another one in Yorkshire. We have one Ingham each, though there's another in Lincolnshire; we have two Needhams (there's another in

Derby); and two Thornhams, with a couple elsewhere in the country.

Some of our shared local names are not spelt exactly the same today, but do have the same origin. Norfolk's Ludham seems to be identical to Loudham in Suffolk; and Saham in Norfolk is certainly the same as the two Sohams, the one in Suffolk and the other just over the border in Cambridgeshire.

The north and south folk of the land of the eastern Angles were separated from one another by the rivers Waveney and Little Ouse. But it seems they were united by a common culture which we can still detect, fifteen hundred years later, in modern place names.