



## SOUTHWOLD AND REYDON SOCIETY

Protecting the character and amenities of Southwold & Reydon

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**7.00pm Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**  
**St Edmund's Hall, Southwold**

### **Members and Non-Members Welcome**

**We are delighted to announce that the main speaker will be Professor Joanna Haigh, CBE,FRS, who is Co-Director of the Grantham Institute on Climate Change. She will talk about "Climate Change: its evidence, impacts and what we can do about it". Her talk, which will be followed by questions and discussion, is of direct relevance to Southwold which will be increasingly affected by sea level rise and larger, more frequent, tidal surges.**

**Another highlight will be our Annual Excellence Awards, given to people and organisations who have made a major contribution to the community.**

**The event will conclude with our annual reports and the election of officers and committee and be followed by drinks and nibbles.**

Other issues of concern to the Society this month are:

**High Street Rates:** we hope that by the time this article is published, some relief of the extreme rises facing our local shops will have been given both in the budget and by the use of local discretion by Waveney District Council. No-one will gain from rises in rates that close businesses and leave shops empty or occupied by charity shops which do not pay rates.

**Jubilee Green, Reydon:** there are further delays in the transfer of the green to the Parish Council due to legal issues between Hopkins, the developer, and NHS property who originally bought the whole area of land for the health centre and the housing. We urge all concerned to get this sorted so the Parish Council can proceed with paths and facilities for the community garden.

**Southwold Town Maps:** We have at last completed this project and feedback on the new boards and colourful maps has been very positive. Our thanks are due to Tony Evans for the idea and board design, Clive Tickner for creating the maps, Mark Aldred and Duncan and Son for installing the boards free of charge and to the Southwold Trust, the Chamber of Trade, Southwold Pier, Suffolk County Council (Cllr Ladd's Locality Budget) and Waveney District Council for donating the funds to produce the boards and maps.

Philip O'Hear, Secretary