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Lecturer up for BAFTA



Sam Read, a games design lecturer at Suffolk New College, who is up for a BAFTA.

Picture: SUFFOLK NEW COLLEGE

A Suffolk further education lecturer is hitting the red carpet this week after being nominated for a BAFTA gaming award.

Sam Read, 27, who works as a games design lecturer at Suffolk New College in Ipswich, is part of a team which has been nominated for a 2018 BAFTA Academy Games Award in the multi-play category.

Mr Read, from Glemsford, near Sudbury, will go to the Tobacco Dock in London on Thursday for the ceremony to find out whether the game Gang Beasts – which he helped fund and develop – is a winner.

He said: “The game has made millions for some people. I did okay and it paid for my mortgage – but I’m not a millionaire.

“My aim was not to necessarily get rich but to win awards. So if this game wins a BAFTA, it would mean the world.

“If I had the chance to go up and say a few words, I’d thank my parents for supporting me.”

Fears new homes could impose greater stress on failing sewers

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Residents in a Suffolk village are concerned about whether facilities in their neighbourhood will be able to cope with new development.

Villagers living in Fressingfield, near Eye, are concerned by problems with their sewers which left some local roads flooded with water and raw sewerage after recent heavy rainfall.

Heavy showers across the Easter weekend left many areas of Suffolk susceptible to localised flooding but in Fressingfield locals say the problem has been going on for months.

It’s a problem that they are concerned could become more frequent if plans currently being considered for more homes in the area are approved.

Sharon Lytton, of Fressingfield, said: “Many residents are convinced the foul water or sewer system is at capacity and can take no more houses.

“The regular sewage overflows in Low Road pose a public health hazard and cannot be acceptable in 21st century England.

“The pumps are working but cannot manage the volume in heavy rains when the beck also overflows.

“Unless and until a solution is found to this problem it makes no sense to even consider adding any more houses to a foul water system which is at full capacity or at times overloaded.”

Ms Lytton said that Anglian Water had been at the site of the problem many times but that the issue had continued to occur.



Villagers are concerned as to whether more homes would cause more problems for the sewerage system. Picture: SHARON LYTTON

An Anglian Water spokesperson said: “The sustained heavy rainfall we have experienced recently has led to additional surface water and groundwater entering the foul sewerage network at Low Road Pumping Station, which has led to some surface flooding in the area.

“Under normal conditions the

pumping station has plenty of capacity to service the houses in its catchment.

“In addition, last year we made some improvements to the pumping station which has improved the overall flow capacity through the sewer. Since this work was completed we have had no technical issues at the pumping

station.

“The only two incidents since this work have been as a result of heavy rainfall in the area which puts extra, but unusual, stress on the system.”

A spokesperson for Suffolk County Council said that they had been working with Anglian Water to solve the problems.

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