

Locations in Ipswich set to feature in new BBC series

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Locations in Ipswich have emerged as the latest sets to feature in the new series of BBC series *Detectorists* - with one even doubling for London.

The popular BBC series starring Mackenzie Crook and Toby Jones is filmed in and around Suffolk, doubling as the fictional Essex town of Danebury.

But as the new series has begun, the company which helped scout locations for the shoot, Screen Suffolk, has revealed that Ipswich also features in the new series.

Screen Suffolk director Karen Everett said: "In the first episode we saw Andy [Mackenzie Crook] on brownfield land on an archaeological dig.

"That was shot at Ipswich's Futura retail park. In the show, it's looking like it could be a Roman site.

"I can't say much about what happens, but there is a find."

The new series also kicked off with scenes depicting slick city life in London, but the chic office block was actually filmed at Suffolk County Council's Endeavour House in Ipswich.

Around 23 members of the cast and crew filmed at the county council's headquarters for around five hours.

Mrs Everett added: "The county council was delighted to make the space available.

"The show rather cleverly created a background reflection of London's Shard building in one scene, and inserted the London



Detectorists star Mackenzie Crook on the set. Picture: PHIL MORLEY

Eye in a backdrop. It works really well.

"We're always saying that Suffolk has the locations to double for anywhere and these opening scenes are a great example."

The new series has also included a scooter chase along Mill Lane in Butley, a flat in Double Street, Framlingham, as Andy's home and the nearby Castle Inn as the exterior of *The Two Brewers*.

Redwald Road in Woodbridge, the Bentwaters Park entrance, Station Approach in Saxmundham and the old Saxmundham police station car park are also featured in the new series.

Mrs Everett said that she hopes the show's crew will return in the future.

She added: "The show is so well loved, it would be sorely missed by viewers as well as locals who've enjoyed having the production along to film, for weeks at a time, in the summer.

"Everyone so enjoys the little part they play in helping."

The series is now showing on BBC Four and BBC iPlayer.



The corridors in Endeavour House, Ipswich, which doubled as a London office in the new series of *Detectorists*, with London backdrop added as a reflection on the window.

Picture: BBC/ CHANNEL X/ CHRIS HARRIS



Futura Park also featured in the series.

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Death

A man's body was found by police officers in a wooded area of a Suffolk town, it was reported yesterday.

Police searching for missing 20-year-old Lee Rudhall, from Haverhill, made the discovery in the town in the early hours of yesterday morning.

Suffolk Constabulary said the body had not been formally identified as that of Mr Rudhall.

However, the family of Mr Rudhall had been informed about the discovery.

A spokesman for Suffolk Constabulary said the death was not being treated as suspicious.

"A file will now be prepared for the coroner," the police spokesman added.

By law, deaths are reported to the coroner if the cause of death is unknown.

Once a death has been reported to the coroner they will make inquiries to decide whether there is a duty to investigate the death.

If the coroner cannot be satisfied that the cause of death was natural then a post-mortem examination may be held.

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