

Suffolk

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Presenter profile: Mark Murphy

Mark was born in Suffolk and is passionate about broadcasting in his home patch. Mark has been at BBC Suffolk since day one and has now been presenting our breakfast show since 2000.



He first received national recognition in 2003 when he won a Sony Gold Award and was crowned the Radio Academy News Broadcaster of the Year.

The judges described him as "the epitome of what a local radio broadcaster should be in his reporting of news, responding to the community and holding service providers to account".

"Every time the red light goes on I love it," said Mark

In 2006 Mark, with the help of his breakfast team, won the EDF Energy Regional Radio Journalist of the Year award.

And in 2007 Mark's breakfast show was nominated for a Sony Radio Academy News and Current Affairs Award for its sensitive coverage of the murders of five women who had been working as prostitutes in Ipswich.

In the same year Mark, producer Kate Arkell and engineer David Butcher scooped a Frank Gillard (BBC Local Radio) award for their outside broadcast in Jamestown, USA.

The team travelled to Virginia to follow in the footsteps of Suffolk explorer Bartholomew Gosnold, who's credited with founding the first English-speaking settlement in North America.

It was this outside broadcast that also earned Mark his second Sony Radio Academy Gold Award in 2008.

Mark's Don't be a Tosser anti-litter campaign also won two prestigious Frank Gillard awards in the same year.

In 2009 Mark and his breakfast team received another top gong as they were crowned EDF Energy Regional News and Current Affairs Programme of the Year.

Mark and his breakfast team were also back at the Sony Awards in 2009 and scooped a silver award for Don't be a Tosser and won a Frank Gillard Gold award for the way the programme involves the listeners.

"Presenting the BBC Radio Suffolk Breakfast Show is a dream come true for me," said Mark.

"I remember listening to the very first Good Morning Suffolk Show on 12 April, 1990 and I was determined that one day I would work

for my local radio station. Now I'm presenting that very programme on that very station."

Mark is an Ipswich Town season ticket holder and sits in the Sir
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Mark and presenter Bobby Robson Stand upper tier with his wife and fellow BBC Radio Suffolk presenter Lesley Dolphin.

They both walk their rescue dog Satsuma and can usually be found stomping out and about with him somewhere in the Suffolk countryside.

Mark also has an unhealthy obsession with the UFO sightings in Rendlesham Forest in 1980. "I'm determined one day to find out what really happened that night," he said.

To get in touch with Mark, [e-mail mark.murphy@bbc.co.uk](mailto:mark.murphy@bbc.co.uk)

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