

# TELSCOMBE TOWN CRIER



*Telscombe Town Council 's newsletter*  
*Communicating with residents*

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## ***Playground Refurbishments Complete***

Telscombe Town Council has recently completed an extensive refurbishment of all three of their playgrounds; Robert Kingan at Bannings Vale in East Saltdean and two in Chatsworth Park, Telscombe Cliffs.

The project was overseen by Chris Bibb from Lewes District Council.



It has welcomed an extensive trim trail, popular monkey bars, junior swings and the hugely impressive new play unit at Robert Kingan - see photos left and above of the officially opening by our Mayor, Cllr Daryll Brindley.

The refurbished playgrounds have proved to be a great with the local children. At Chatsworth North playground off Kirby Drive there is a new large and small slide unit, trim trail and swing unit complete with an inclusive swing seat.



Pictured above and left again is the Mayor who opened all three playgrounds and was also joined at all openings by Councillors and staff.

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## ***Neighbourhood Plan Update***

### **What did the First Consultation reveal?**

The results of the First Conversation consultations held in April throughout Peacehaven, Telscombe and East Saltdean showed us that Residents agreed with the Steering Group's view that The Meridian Centre area had declined and needed to be reworked to provide a new emphasis to the Plan Area. Local shops, local employment, leisure, the environment and climate change are all seen as important now and for the future. Areas of concern centred around NHS services, education, transport and roads, particularly our reliance on the A259.

### **What happened next?**

We approached the Co-op Group to ask them about their plans for the Co-op Store and the covered Meridian Centre which they own. We were also interested in the wider Meridian area as, if we are to achieve a new centre focus for the Neighbourhood Plan, the whole area needs to be re-thought.

The emerging goal is to remove some of our dependency on the A259 and create cycle and walking routes through the area reducing car usage which is a National aim. The Plan is still in the consultation and preparation stage. The Co-op have confirmed their commitment to Peacehaven and are intending to submit an application under "Call for Sites" which is a public request for building or employment land over 0.2 Hectares. Call for Sites ended on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 at which time the Steering Group with professional support will review any submissions.

### **Way Forward**

The fact that we are working on a Neighbourhood Plan provides some protection for the area. We have to work within the policies and constraints of Lewes District Core Strategy but we can try to allocate the 255 more homes by 2030 to sites that least harm Peacehaven and Telscombe. A lot of loose ends and policy identification will need to be brought together before we will be able to produce a Draft Plan, but we are all determined to achieve this asap.

Cathy Gallagher  
Chair of Steering Group  
Peacehaven and Telscombe Neighbourhood Plan

## ***Fly Tipping***

Fly Tipping is increasing year on year and can be damaging to the local area and wildlife. Garden waste, household items and furniture have all been reported within the last few weeks. We would like you to help us by reporting any fly tipping to Lewes District Council via their website, by phone on 01273 471600 or via their 'Report It' smartphone app. If you see a vehicle being used to dump rubbish, then please take a note of the registration number. We will be patrolling our parks and local areas.

Please deal with garden waste properly. Make your own compost heap, take it to a community recycling centre or use your Council's bin collection. Lewes District Council offer garden waste collections. The service costs £70 and includes a 240 litre garden recycling bin that is collected fortnightly. You can add grass cuttings, leaves, shrubs, plants and flowers to your bin. The service can also be shared with a neighbour to reduce the cost.

# **fly-tipping**

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## ***TRA Picnic at the Memory Garden in Chatsworth Park***

The Telscombe Residents Association hosted a “Picnic in the Park” where 40 residents gathered to thank the previous Mayor for his vision in creating the wonderful spot at no cost to the Council or its taxpayers. All labour was given free of charge and all materials were donated or paid for by fundraising.

Anyone can purchase a small plaque from Telscombe Town Council to put on one of the posts with their own wording – anything can be remembered – a partner, child, friend or a loved pet.

As for the central mound, visitors are encouraged to plant a bush, small tree or any plant of their choice, which will hopefully provide them with a spot of peace and quiet, where they can just remember – and with a view over the English Channel (on a good day), what could be better?



## ***TTC Response to a recent inaccurate Press Article***

Telscombe Town Council were extremely disappointed in **The Argus** newspaper article on 6<sup>th</sup> October stating that there were calls for the **‘Deputy Mayor, Councillor Tim Armour to be blocked from meetings’**.

We have looked into the allegations being made and found the basis of the article could not be substantiated and the anonymous comments and misrepresentations reported were inaccurate and misleading. We responded to the Argus on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October, but unfortunately they failed to print our comments. We are soon to decide what further action the Council wish to take on this matter, but in the meantime we feel it appropriate to publish this factual statement of rebuttal.

## ***Macmillan Coffee Morning***

We held our Coffee Morning on Thursday 27th September, with stalls, raffles, tombolas and a Guess the Name of the Dog competition, as well as tea, coffee and cake!

There was a great turnout in support of a very worthy cause and we managed to raise the magnificent sum of £823.66, which included the Mayor also kindly donating all the takings from his last Friday night’s Boozy Bingo evening. Special thanks to Pat Dunkley and the Breast Cancer Support group for running the kitchen so efficiently and to our stallholders —

Deans Senior  
Tea Club,  
Newhaven  
Rotary,  
John Livings  
and  
Janet Morris  
for their kind  
donations.



***Solar Panel Readings:- CO2 saved:- 48,680 Kg Total Energy Generated:- 85,405 Kwh***  
*Readings at date copy goes to press*

## ***Fireworks Celebration***



Telscombe Town Council's annual free fireworks display took place this year on the Tye on Saturday 8th September. As usual, it attracted a good turnout of local residents, as well as other members of the public who like to come and see the display.

The display originally took place in Chatsworth Park, to mark the anniversary of its opening in September 1991, but it moved to the Tye in recent years to take advantage of the larger area.

It is always lovely to see so many people coming out to enjoy the spectacle. Thank you to the Mayor, Councillors and our office staff who help to make this happen.



## ***Council Meetings and Councillors Surgeries***

Council and Committee meeting dates for the year are listed on our website, as well as on our four notice boards which can be found on the Civic Centre wall, off Ambleside Avenue near the Chatsworth Park bus stop, on Longridge Avenue by the bus stop in front of Leicester Court, and outside Robert Kingan playground. In addition, the agenda for each meeting will be put on the noticeboards a few days before the meeting takes place. All supporting paperwork for the meetings are published on our website under the *Committees & Meetings* heading, as are the minutes as soon as they are ready.

We also post reminders on Facebook/Twitter of our upcoming meetings. All meetings are open to members of the public, who are able to ask questions relevant to the appropriate Committee for a 15 minute period at the start of each meeting.

Full Council meetings take place in the Council Chamber, while Committee meetings meet in the smaller room 1 downstairs or room 5 upstairs.

On the first Saturday of every month, we hold a Councillors Surgery at the Civic Centre between 10am and 11am. This is an opportunity for residents to call in without an appointment and see their Councillors, ask questions and raise any concerns they may have.

If you are unable to attend the Surgery, you are always welcome to contact a Councillor using the contact details on our website (under the *Councillors* heading) or on the back of this newsletter.

## ***Future Events - Christmas Day Coffee Morning***

We will be hosting a FREE Christmas Coffee Morning on Tuesday 25th December from 10am to 12 midday  
Don't be alone on Christmas morning, come along and join us!  
There will be sausage sandwiches available, tea and coffee.



## ***Citizens Advice Update***

Universal Credit was rolled out in this area on 26<sup>th</sup> September and Lewes District Citizens Advice are working with Lewes District Council and the Job Centres in Newhaven and Lewes to help people who need support to make their claim.

Universal credit is paid four weekly in arrears and can only be applied for online. Residents can get digital and budgeting support to help them make and maintain their claim. There is a minimum 5 week wait for the first payment to come through which, for people without savings, can put a real strain on household finances and even get them into debt. There is an added complication in that many people are not used to receiving four weeks' money at one time and they need help to put together a budget. Both the digital and budgeting service is available at Citizens Advice offices in Lewes, Newhaven and Seaford.

A recent survey by the charity found more than a third of people Citizens Advice have helped nationally struggle to provide the evidence needed to complete their Universal Credit claim. This includes providing evidence for health conditions, housing and childcare.

Jackie Wilkes, Chief Officer of Lewes District Citizens Advice, said:

*“For people receiving benefits the roll-out of Universal Credit has brought challenges, such as delayed payments and a complicated application process.”*

*“Our advisers are helping people who are struggling with the system”.*

For information and advice, call them on 03444 111444, visit one of their offices in Newhaven, Lewes or Seaford or check out their website [www.lewesdistrictcab.org.uk](http://www.lewesdistrictcab.org.uk) for further details.

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## ***Merchant Navy Day***

We raised the Red Ensign on Monday 3rd September in honour of the brave men and women who kept our 'island nation' afloat during both World Wars, and celebrated our dependence on modern day merchant seafarers who are responsible for 95% of the UK's imports, including half the food we eat, plenty of the fuel we burn and virtually all the products and goods we take for granted!

The flag is raised on 3rd September as that marks the beginning of the Second World War in 1939. It also marks the first major British maritime casualty, the merchant vessel SS Athenia, which was torpedoed just a few hours after hostilities were declared, with the loss of 128 passengers and crew.

This year, over 800 Red Ensigns were flown at civic buildings and landmark flagpoles across the UK.

Pictured at our flag raising are (back row, l-r) Cllrs Daryll Brindley (Mayor of Telscombe), Gwen Maskell & Joanna Wilkins, (front row, l-r) Freeman of Telscombe Ron Chiverton, Freewoman of Telscombe Brenda Sawyers and merchant navy veteran Bill Barton and his wife Gati.



## ***Lloyd Russell-Moyle - MP's Update***

This summer I attended my last Gorham's Gift meeting. Gorham's Gift is the trust that owns the majority of properties and land in Telscombe Village. We manage the property and rent them to the community at affordable, below market value, rates. The trust also aims to give small donations to both the church and education groups, and aims to relieve poverty. Whilst in the last few years the trust has focused on the repair and rebuilding work of the village, we are keen to start looking forward to see benefit felt by all. The church has taken over the running of the village hall, a lovely scenic place for children's parties, wedding events or funerals, which anyone in Telscombe Cliffs or Saltdean can use at a reduced price. But above all of that of course, it is a core part of the history of our little town.



In Parliament this month I have also been raising another historical quirk of Telscombe, that is the inclusion of East Saltdean, which because of the historical church parish boundaries, was included within Telscombe. The church parish changed its boundaries over 50 years ago now, and there have been two referendums by the people of East and West Saltdean calling for reunification. This would allow Saltdean to have its own town council, supporting work from the Lido to seafront management, and would also allow Telscombe to work closely with its neighbouring town council Peacehaven which it is part of a single conurbation. The Secretary of State has said any decision is down to the leaders of Lewes, East Sussex and Brighton Town Council, though I know the residents and Brighton have voted for it, the leaders of East Sussex and Lewes have so far refused. I'd like to see a consultation on whether historical and present boundaries perhaps need to change.

I host surgeries once a month in Saltdean, and every two weeks in Peacehaven. Please come and talk to me about anything, from the A259 to school cuts. If you wish to book an appointment with me then please do not hesitate to contact my office on 01273 550121 or email [lloyd@russell-moyle.co.uk](mailto:lloyd@russell-moyle.co.uk)

### ***Financial Grants - Applications Invited***

The Council recognizes and supports the valuable contribution made by many voluntary groups and organisations to the well being of the local community and offers limited financial grants to qualifying organisations. Applications are accepted for help towards a special project, or the everyday running costs of your organisation up to the value of £500. An application form is available from the Civic Centre or can be printed from the website. Grants are considered twice in each financial year and the last meeting is in January 2019.

The application deadline for that meeting is 31st December 2018.



Future bingo dates at the Civic Centre:-

**Friday 30th November**

**Friday 14th December - Christmas**

**party bingo evening**

**including wine, sandwiches, stand-up bingo & raffle**

(please note later finish time of approx. 9.30pm)

**Friday 25th January 2019**



Eight games for £4 plus a snowball (50p per ticket) and £1 flyer game. Cash prizes.

Free tea, coffee and biscuits.

**Start time 7pm prompt**

Seating is limited and based on a first come, first served basis.

*Proceeds to the Mayor of Telscombe's charity fund*



## **Contact Us -**

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*\*also district Councillor + also County Councillor*

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Christine Robinson	07954 338062
David Wright	07905 039210

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#### **Committee Chairmen/Vice Chairmen:-**

**Amenities & Civic Centre** - Cllr G Maskell, Chairman \* Cllr T Armour, Vice Chairman

**Policy & Resources** - Cllr D Wright, Chairman \* Cllr B Page, Vice Chairman

**Planning & Highways** - Cllr J Wilkins, Chairman \* Cllr T Armour, Vice Chairman

### **Telscombe Town Council**

#### **Meeting Dates - November & December 2018**

Planning & Highways	Monday 19th November
<b>Council (7.15pm)</b>	<b>Wednesday 21st November</b>
Amenities & Civic Centre	Monday 26th November
Planning & Highways	Monday 10th December
<b>Council</b>	<b>Wednesday 19th December</b>

Meetings dates for 2019 will be finalized shortly and will then be published on the Council's website:-  
[www.telscombetowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.telscombetowncouncil.gov.uk)

- 15 minute public question time at beginning of each meeting with questions relevant to that Committee.
- Meetings start at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.
- Meetings held in Telscombe Civic Centre.
- Agenda as displayed on Council notice boards and the website.
- Dates are subject to change - if you wish to attend please phone the Civic Centre on 01273 589777 to ensure the meeting is being held or check the website.
- The Council, members of the public and press may record/film/photograph or broadcast meetings when the public and

### **Drop-in Councillor Surgery and Residents' Association Coffee Morning**

First Saturday of each month, 10 -11am at Telscombe Civic Centre:-

**1st December 2018 and 5th January, 2nd February 2019**



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