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Telscombe Town Council 's newsletter

Communicating with residents

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See page 2 for email and website addresses

New Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Telscombe

Cllr David Judd was voted in as Telscombe Town Council's Mayor at the Annual Council meeting on 19th May and Cllr Christine Robinson as Deputy Mayor.

Cllr Judd is looking forward to his term of office and will be supported by his consort, Nick Brown.

The Mayor will announce his charities shortly.

The outgoing Mayor, Cllr Isobel Sharkey, ended her term of office by donating the remainder of her Mayor's allowance of £711.50 each to the Lewes Citizens Advice and Kempton House Day Centre.

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FareShare Food Baskets - Donating Surplus Food to the Homeless

FareShare are the UK's largest charity fighting hunger and food waste. They redistribute surplus food to charities, including homeless hostels, children's breakfast clubs, lunch clubs for older people, domestic violence refuges and community cafés.

There is a food collection basket in the foyer at the Civic Centre, which has been provided by FareShare, at no cost to the Council. Please donate when you can. Many thanks

Contact Us - The Council offices remain open with reduced staffing levels from Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm, excluding bank holidays.

If we cannot answer the phone (**01273 589777)** please leave a message or alternatively email us at **enquiries@telscombetowncouncil.gov.uk** and we will respond as soon as we are able. Check out our website for updated information www.telscombetowncouncil.gov.uk

You can also write to us at:- Telscombe Town Council, Telscombe Civic Centre, 360 South Coast Road, Telscombe Cliffs, East Sussex, BN10 7ES.

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Committee Chairmen & Vice Chairmen *(these will be agreed at Committee meetings in June & July)*:-
We welcome a new Cllr, Adrian Selby, who was elected at the by-election held on 6th May 2021.

District Councillors Lewes District Councillors covering the Telscombe Cliffs and East Saltdean ward are Ron Maskell, Laurence O'Connor and Christine Robinson.

Telscombe Town Council
Meeting Dates - June to Sept '21

Planning & Highways	Monday 7th June
Planning & Highways	Monday 28th June
Policy & Resources	Monday 12th July
Planning & Highways	Monday 19th July
Council	**Wednesday 21st July**
Amenities/Civic Centre	Monday 26th July
Planning & Highways	Monday 9th August
Planning & Highways	Wednesday 1st Sept
Grants (sub-committee)	Monday 6th Sept *6.45pm*
Policy & Resources	Monday 6th Sept
Council	**Wednesday 15th Sept**
Planning & Highways	Monday 20th Sept
Amenities/Civic Centre	Monday 27th Sept

A full list of dates is available on our website, along with a copy of agendas.

- There is a maximum of 15 minute public question time at the beginning of each meeting with questions relevant to that Committee.
- Meetings start at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.
- Agendas are displayed on Council notice boards and the website.
- Dates are subject to change - 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 press are not lawfully excluded.

Whilst Covid restrictions are in place, members of the public can join meetings remotely via the Zoom platform. Joining details are on the agendas.

Solar Panel Readings at the Civic Centre:

CO2 saved:- **63,736 Kg** Total Energy Generated:- **111,818 Kwh**

Readings at date copy goes to press

Neighbourhood Plan Update

The 'Vision' for the Neighbourhood Development Plan is for Peacehaven and Telscombe Towns to be sustainable with clean air and in an environment which provides a good quality of life for all inhabitants.

The beginning of 2021 has been dominated by consideration of the Meridian Site which is to be redeveloped by its owners, Co-op Property. The consultants (AECOM) produced a concept Masterplan for the site, which the Steering Group sought feedback on across the two towns. From the survey results, we learnt that there were concerns about the scale of housing for the site and the reduction in the retail offer. There was support for new streets and public squares. The full results are on our website.

The preferred developer Henry Davidson Developments (HDD) will be publishing the results of their pre-application survey. We understand they received some 1300 responses.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan is a document concerning land use, that means not only land allocation for housing but also protecting and maintaining Local Green Spaces and Pocket Parks, creating a Green Infrastructure Plan. In co-operation with the two Town Councils, Peacehaven and Telscombe, the Steering Group is working on a number of projects and plans to benefit residents and the environment. An incredible amount of professionally produced evidence reports have been produced and can be found in the documents section of the Steering Group website. There is now a Communications Team and we will be producing more information for residents and we thank you all for your many comments which are all valued.

With continuing support from all the 'Vision' can be achieved.

Cathy Gallagher, Chair of Steering Group
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Coffee & Cake in Chatsworth Park

Many of you may have noticed the Wander Coffee trailer in Chatsworth Park car park. Lulu and Jefferson have been serving hot and cold drinks as well as delicious cakes to park goers since 6th April. The response has been great with lots of reports of residents coming out and meeting friends for a chat and a drink.

The concession and temporary toilet are part of a plan to add amenities to the park. Telscombe Town Council is testing the viability and potential for a more permanent structure. If you didn't know Wander Coffee were there, please come and meet them. You can demonstrate if you think the park would benefit from a permanent café and toilet by coming and making use of them.

Wander Coffee are very green. Their cakes and treats are made locally and the cups are compostable. For more information on Wander Coffee and to see when they are next in the park check their Facebook or Instagram (@wandercoffeetrailer) or look out for updates on the Town Council Facebook page.

Citizens Advice Helplines

Adviceline call **03444 111 444**. Monday- Friday 9am to 5pm
Email advice www.eastsussexcab.co.uk

Chat online to an advisor on our website **citizensadvice.org.uk/contact-us**.

Hidden Disabilities

Not all disabilities are visible – some are hidden and not immediately obvious such as learning difficulties, mental health as well as mobility, speech, visual or hearing impairments. Living with a hidden disability can make daily life more demanding for many people, but it can be difficult for others to identify, acknowledge or understand the challenges you face. Wearing the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower discreetly indicates to people that a person may need additional support, help or a little more time.

Businesses can join the Sunflower scheme and will receive training which will help staff to identify the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower, gain an understanding of what a hidden disability is and be confident to approach and support people who are wearing a Hidden Disabilities Sunflower product.

Telscombe Town Council would like to encourage local businesses to look at recognising the Sunflower formally. Our offices are Hidden Disability friendly and we are able to give out Sunflower lanyards to those who need them.

Telscombe Residents' Association News - Did you know…….?

What we now know as "Chatsworth Park" was once a farmer's field, all part of Kirby Farm and it was requisitioned by the Ministry of Agriculture during World War 2.

Today, besides an abundance of greenery, there is extensive wildlife – squirrels, foxes, badgers; a wide variety of birds etc, plus currently the Council are producing a "Boundary Policy" and a "Management Plan" to further enhance the Park, and have also started "litter picks" by volunteers. In addition, the Telscombe Residents Association felt that although there's plenty of "green", there's little other colours, so we have donated £100 to the Council to start a fund to plant some more "colourful" flora. If **you** love Chatsworth Park and would like to add to this fund, donations can be made at the Civic Centre.

So, enjoy the Park, the beauty, the wildlife, and a peaceful stroll or picnic, and remember the history.
Pat the Hat – Chair, Telscombe Residents' Association

Speedwatch

We have been contacted by residents who are concerned about speeding and illegal use of the bus lanes and have asked about setting up a Community Speedwatch Team. Community Speedwatch is a national initiative where proactive members of local communities join with the support and supervision of their local police to record details of speeding vehicles using approved detection devices.

Speedwatch activity is not about interfering with neighbours' behaviour; it is a proactive solution to improve the safety and quality of life for everyone in their local community and has only one purpose: to address the problem of speeding in local areas by educational means.

If you would like to get involved in this community scheme, please register your interest at enquiries@telscombetowncouncil.org.uk

Electronic Scooters—clarification

In the last issue, we advised that electronic scooters (e-scooters) are illegal unless ridden on private land. We would like to clarify that this covers electric 2-wheeled scooters that can be stood on, and not to mobility scooters. We apologise for any confusion this may have caused.

Memory Garden

Situated at the top of Chatsworth Park is the Memory Garden, which is designed to be a calm area to sit within a natural environment to reflect and remember. There are several posts which can be used to place a plaque to signify your memory. The wording on the plaque is individually chosen, the plaques cost £15 and there are some Terms and Conditions. At the last Amenities and Civic Centre Committee meeting Councillors discussed at length the health and safety and maintenance issues affecting the Memory Garden, which resulted in the Memorial Policy being upheld, with mementoes and cut flowers not allowed and the central planting mound is to be used for all individual planting tributes.

Sadly, the central mound as a planting bed has not thrived, due to many factors. The only water the plants receive is rain and in recent years the winters have seen heavy rain, while spring and summer can have drought conditions.

The Council has listened to the comments from the community and wish to invite volunteers to help make the planting bed a very special place this year. Contractors will weed and prepare the bed and, working with them, improvements can be made. Perhaps wooden sleepers at the edge, dividing the bed into sections with a water fountain in the centre could improve the feature. Do you have ideas? Please contact the Amenities Officer if you would like to be involved:- amenities@telscombetowncouncil.org.uk

Clifftop Fencing

Following cliff falls which have exposed a big gap past the current fencing, the fence line between Telscombe Grange and The Smugglers Rest public house has had to be moved inland. Lewes District Council's (LDC's) Specialist Adviser for Coastal and Flood Risk Management has been monitoring the area and due to the rate of erosion, recommended the fence line be moved inland by approximately 20 metres. Part of the land belongs to TTC and the rest to Mitchells & Butlers, so the cost was shared between us. In addition Lewes District Council (LDC) provided the majority of fencing and posts free of charge.

The stretch of coast from Ambleside Avenue South to Southern Water's Portobello Works at Telscombe Cliffs is undefended from erosion by the sea, which may pose a risk to homes and roads in the future. Recognising the complexities and technical difficulties posed at Telscombe Cliffs, LDC has entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Environment Agency. Nick Gray, Area Flood and Coastal Risk Manager at the Environment Agency, said: "We are excited to work with Lewes District Council on this important project. We look forward to working with them and the local community to create a solution which works for everyone."

The Environment Agency will take the lead role on the project. A large number of stakeholders, including residents and businesses, will be engaged and consulted as the project evolves, with LDC helping to facilitate and support that element of the process.

Litter/Dog Bins

The litter bins in Chatsworth Park are emptied on a weekly basis and twice a week in the playgrounds. If a bin is full, **please do not** leave your litter / dog waste on or beside it - take it home, as this is classed as fly tipping. Dog poo can be put into any bin now, so rather than clearing it from your garden and leaving big bags by the bin in the park, please just leave it out for collection with your normal household waste. Also **please do not dump green waste** (bagged or not) in the park as we have to pay to have it removed which will ultimately be reflected in your Council Tax. That is also classed as fly tipping. Lewes District Council have a green waste bin programme which you can sign up to - you could share a bin with a neighbour. Please help us to protect our environment and make the park a safe and pleasant place for everyone to use. Thank you

Green Corner

Litter Picking

On Saturday 10th April, six Councillors and five volunteers held a litter pick on Telscombe Tye and the roadside, and came away with 20 sacks of rubbish, as well as some larger items. We would like to thank the Councillors, as well as Peter & Lorraine Seed, Peter Castleton, Adrian Selby and Bob West for their hard work in keeping Telscombe litter-free.

The following week, five councillors and 14 volunteers held a litter pick in Chatsworth Park, where they collected seven bags of rubbish, an old tyre and a bed! Thank you to all the Councillors, and Mr Fox, Pat & Christine Bowman, Allan Wenham, Jess Whitington, Louise Clarkson and the little ones—James, Barney, Nell, Charlie, Kiera, Oliver, Isa and Mercy.

Great British Spring Clean

This spring, join Keep Britain Tidy and our community of #Litterheroes on our #MillionMileMission to clear litter from our streets, parks and beaches—because what is good for our environment is good for our mental and physical health too! If you would like to volunteer to help, please register your interest and we will be in touch when we have finalised our dates.

New Countryside Code

A new, refreshed Countryside Code has been launched by Natural England and Natural Resources Wales, coinciding with the 70th anniversary of the creation of the founding booklet.

Changes include advice on creating a welcoming environment, for example by saying hello to fellow visitors; clearer rules to underline the importance of clearing away dog poo; staying on footpaths; and not feeding livestock. It also provides advice on how to seek permissions for activities such as wild swimming.

Key changes to the Countryside Code include:

- New advice for people to ‘be nice, say hello, share the space’ as well as ‘enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory’.
- A reminder not to feed livestock, horses or wild animals.
- To stay on marked footpaths, even if they are muddy, to protect crops and wildlife.
- Information on permissions to do certain outdoor activities, such as wild swimming.
- Clearer rules for dog walkers to take home dog poo and use their own bin if a there are no public waste bins.
- A refreshed tone of voice, creating a guide for the public rather than a list of rules—recognising the significant health and wellbeing benefits of spending time in nature.
- New wording to make clear that the code applies to all our natural places, including parks and waterways, coast and countryside.

Top Tips for Green Living!

Avoid single use items such as plastic cutlery, straws, plates, cups and single use food items like pre-packaged salads, sandwiches, dressing and individual yoghurts. By planning ahead you can easily replace these items with reusable options while saving money in the process.

Always bring a reusable bag. It's easy to forget if you're just popping out, but making this 'something you never leave home without' will help make plastic bags a thing of the past.

The size of your recycling matters! Ever find you run out of space in your recycling bin? By flattening your boxes and squashing cans and plastic bottles you can dramatically increase the number of items in your bin - by four times or more!

Cardboard boxes. Try to choose products with less packaging - buying locally rather than ordering online helps a lot, and always flatten and tear cardboard boxes so they take up much less room in your recycling bin.

For info - there is a defibrillator situated by the entrance to the Civic Centre

Crowborough Road, East Saltdean Wildflower Verge and Benches

Thanks to donations from Co-op Community Funding, The House Project and Telscombe Town Council, two public benches have been placed on the wildflower verge by Saltdean Residents' Association, Saltdean Community charity and Friends of Saltdean Green Spaces working together.

This project has taken two years to complete due to Covid 19 lockdowns and the Mayor of Telscombe Town Council, Cllr Isobel Sharkey officiated at the ribbon cutting at the benches on Tuesday 20th April 2021, with Cllr Cathy Gallagher and members of Saltdean Residents' Association in attendance.

Peacehaven Community Supermarket

Sussex Community Development Association (SCDA) are partnering with Kempton House Day Centre in Peacehaven to host Peacehaven Community Supermarket, a weekly pop up shop which runs as a membership scheme and is open to members across Peacehaven and Telscombe.

Penny Shimmin, CEO of SCDA said, "There are many people who are affected by changed financial circumstances and increasing numbers of people, including families with children, accessing Seahaven Foodbank. The Community Supermarket offers a step out of emergency food help. It is a chance to tackle hardship and harness the immense willingness of local residents to support their neighbours."

Community Supermarkets are a sustainable, long-term, community-focused solution to food insecurity. The aim is to help people move beyond foodbank use, or to help reduce a family's need for a foodbank, whilst also reducing food waste and connecting local residents.

Sheep Worrying

According to the Rural Crime Team, too many dog owners are still ignoring advice to keep their dogs under control around livestock and as a result are risking the chance of their pet being shot by farmers, being investigated by police and being ordered to pay significant costs.

Even obedient dogs have a natural instinct to chase, and sheep can become very stressed and can kill or injure themselves by their panicked attempts to escape the dog. Pregnant sheep frequently miscarry their lambs and live lambs can become separated from their mothers.

Please be considerate and keep your dogs on a lead when you are around livestock. Thank you

MP's Update

Lloyd Russell-Moyle MP can be contacted by email lloyd@russell-moyle.co.uk or on 01273 550121.

Future Events

Our events are currently on hold so please keep an eye on our website, Facebook page and in the next issue of the *Town Crier Newsletter* for updates. If the Government's roadmap proceeds as planned, we hope to resume events from July.

We've Got Mail!

Feeling lonely? This free service, facilitated by Helping Out Peacehaven & Telscombe aims to re-connect people in the community through writing letters, drawing pictures and sharing stories. Lockdown has been hard on us all and they would love to pair families with anyone who is feeling lonely.

To sign up and receive your welcome pack, which will give you full details so you can start writing land receiving letters, go to www.wevegotmail.co.uk

Free Business Support Fully Funded by Lewes District Council

Edeal is a local independent Enterprise Agency providing business support at all stages of business development and growth. Small businesses are the lifeblood of the economy, Edeal together with Lewes District Council want to encourage more people to discover their entrepreneurial spirit and start a new business.

Fully funded by Lewes District Council, Edeal delivers regular one day Business Start-Up Workshops, these are **FREE** to local residents. The one-day workshops cover all the basic elements required to set up and run a business.

Edeal also offers free 1-2-1 advice available from our extensive range of specialist business advisors to businesses at any stage of their life from start up to established, so if require advice/support with any aspect of your business please get in touch.

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For more information visit www.edealgroup.org.uk or email info@edeal.org.uk

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