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Communicating with residents

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Civic Centre is Open Again for Hiring

Now that restrictions have been lifted, the Civic Centre is once again open for hire.

Do you need a room for a meeting, or maybe a space for your community group? Our Council Chamber is suitable for events such as:

- Exercise classes
- Seminars
- AGMs
- Exhibitions
- Club meetings
- Training days



We also have four meeting rooms plus an informal room with sofas, a lift to the first floor and two kitchens.



Room hire starts from as little as £10.50 per hour, but we have a discounted rate for registered charities.

Please call 01273 589777 or email enquiries@telscombetowncouncil.gov.uk for further information



Rampion Expansion Consultation



Draft proposals for a development to expand the Rampion Offshore Wind Farm have been produced. Rampion 2 is the only wind farm proposal for the UK's south coast and can make a significant contribution to tackle climate change and meet Government's targets to quadruple off shore wind capacity by the end of the decade.

They want to hear from you. To view their proposals and environmental information and have your say visit:-

Rampion2.com between 14th July and 16th September.

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 -

Telscombe Town Council, Telscombe Civic Centre, 360 South Coast Road, Telscombe Cliffs,
East Sussex, BN10 7ES. Open Monday to Friday 9am - 4.30pm, excluding bank holidays.

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Cllr Robinson has also recently been elected as East Sussex County Councillor for Telscombe.

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Committee Chairmen & Vice Chairmen:-

Amenities/Civic Centre - Chairman Cllr Cathy Gallagher and Vice Chairman Cllr David Judd

Planning & Highways - Chairman Cllr Isobel Sharkey and Vice Chairman Cllr Daryll Brindley

Policy & Resources - Chairman Cllr Ciarron Clarkson and Vice Chairman Cllr Brian Page

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 - Sept 'to Dec 21

Planning & Highways	Wednesday 1st September
Grants (sub-committee)	Monday 6th September 6.45pm
Policy & Resources	Monday 6th September
Council	Wednesday 15th September
Planning & Highways	Monday 20th September
Amenities/Civic Centre	Monday 27th September
Planning & Highways	Monday 11th October
Planning & Highways	Monday 1st November
Policy & Resources	Monday 8th November
Council	Wednesday 17th November
Planning & Highways	Monday 22nd November
Amenities & Civic Centre	Monday 29th November
Planning & Highways	Monday 13th December
Council	Wednesday 15th December

- 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.
- Meetings are held at Telscombe Civic Centre.
- 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.

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

www.telscombetowncouncil.gov.uk

Neighbourhood Plan Update



The Peacehaven and Telscombe Neighbourhood Development Draft Plan is due to be released soon for consultation. From the beginning of the journey in 2018 to complete a NDP, a Vision for the plan area was consulted on and stated. The Vision was based on the “FIRST CONSULTATION” where an exhibition accompanied by a public survey helped shape the Vision aims and objectives. An update has recently restated them.

VISION—“Peacehaven and Telscombe towns aim to be sustainable, with clean air and an environment providing a good quality of life for all inhabitants and visitors”. From this flows a number of objectives, some of which are below, but full details are on the website.

OBJECTIVES:

- Encouraging a high-quality sustainable design approach to all development which promotes design innovation and sustainable development.
- All new development helps to deliver better local facilities and infrastructure for the towns.
- New developments will create connected, attractive cycling and pedestrian routes, providing seamless integration with the existing towns facilities and public green spaces to encourage a reduction in car-based travel.

FURTHER PUBLIC CONSULTATION

In these uncertain Covid pandemic times arranging exhibitions and public gathering are still difficult but the Steering Group cannot continue without public support so we are working on ways to reach out to Residents—please watch this space.

Cathy Gallagher, Chair of Steering Group

www.peacehaven-and-telscombe-neighbourhood-plan-steering-group.co.uk/.

Facebook: [Peacehaven & Telscombe Neighbourhood Plan](#)

Twitter: [@TelscombePlan](#) **Email:** ptsteergroup@yahoo.co.uk

Horses on the Tye

We have had an incident reported to us where two children on ponies were walking on the Tye under the supervision of their mother, when a dog tried to bite the ponies, resulting in the ponies bolting and one of the children being thrown to the ground.

We ask all users of the Tye to be responsible and follow the Countryside Code and keep dogs under close control. For dog owners to avoid making themselves vulnerable to potential prosecution for having a dog ‘dangerously out of control’ (Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 Section 3), it is important that the handler is capable of instantly controlling their dog, no matter what the circumstances. We urge owners to keep their dogs on a lead when sheep, lambs and horses are present to avoid such distressing incidents.

Thank you for your co-operation.



**Please keep
all dogs on a
lead around
livestock**

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

Consumer Helpline on 0808 223 1133

An Open Letter to All Patients of the Havens Health Surgery

In October 2020, Rowe Avenue and Meridian Surgeries merged to become Havens Health Surgery. This was a totally necessary move to protect the medical services and the health of residents in Peacehaven, Telscombe Cliffs and surrounding areas.

Mergers are always fraught with problems, and Havens Health Surgery have been experiencing extraordinary difficulties with getting the telephone system and the associated on-line services working correctly, so that the patient has as pleasant an experience as possible.

Unfortunately Havens Health Surgery have been beset by a number of technical hitches, which has culminated in heavy investment in a brand new telephone/on-line system.

Unfortunately and rather embarrassingly, despite many assurances, Havens Health Surgery continue to experience hitches in the system which they know are upsetting and angering many of their patients. It is NOT their fault – they are at the mercy of the System suppliers and administrators, and I know that staff at the surgery are often working through the night to try to solve the various issues.

On top of this is also the fact that we are still in the grips of one of the worst pandemics in modern times, which has naturally made all of us very worried. Havens Health Surgery partners and employees are themselves not immune to Covid-19 and they have experienced extreme staff shortages (as have other surgeries locally) AND are still trying to get the new system working properly.

The Practice Manager, on behalf of Havens Health Surgery keeps the Chair of the PPG as up to date as she possibly can.

I am appealing to you all, as responsible patients of Havens Health Surgery, to be kind to the staff and partners. They are doing their utmost to deliver an excellent service to their patients and are certain that once all the technicalities have been solved, things will start to improve – for you, the patient, for the Doctors and Nurses, and for the staff (both frontline and back of office) of Havens Health Surgery – we will be great again!

Yours faithfully

Mrs C M Bowman

Chair, HavensHealth Patient Participation Group

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Operation Blitz

Operation Blitz run by Sussex Police is a designated ASB patrol and an on-going drive which runs between 6pm and midnight on Friday and Saturday nights in our area.

Designated officers from the Lewes District Prevention team take to the streets in areas which have seen an increase in ASB crimes, or youth related ASB, along with areas which have come to attention from your reports over the week.

This is your opportunity to report anti-social behaviour, so during the times above on a Friday and Saturday night, please call **07989 188960**.

Thank you



Fly Tipping is a Criminal Offence

Fly-tipping is defined as the ‘illegal deposit of any waste onto land that does not have a licence to accept it’.



Tipping a mattress, electrical items or a bin bag full of rubbish in the street or park causes a local nuisance and makes an area look ugly and run down. At the larger end of the scale fly-tipping can involve several truckloads of construction and demolition waste being tipped on different types of land. Uncontrolled illegal waste disposal can be hazardous to the public, especially if it contains toxic material or asbestos. There could be a risk of damage to watercourses and soil quality from the dumped waste. In 2016/17 more than one million incidences of fly-tipping were dealt with by councils in England. The estimated cost of clearing up this waste was over £58 million.



Fly-tipping is a serious criminal offence for which you can be prosecuted. The courts have various powers available to them to tackle fly-tipping, including imprisonment, unlimited fines and an order to deprive rights to a vehicle used to commit the offence.

Recently, instances of fly tipping in Chatsworth Park have increased immensely. This includes carrier bags full of dog waste bags, bin bags full of green waste and large bags of household rubbish - all items that could be disposed of from your own home. It costs the Council extra money to have it removed and ultimately this will be reflected in everyone’s Council tax. If a bin is full, please find another one or take your rubbish home with you. Help us to keep Chatsworth Park beautiful.

Lloyd Russell-Moyle MP

In July, Southern Water was fined £90 million after bosses admitted to illegally dumping billions of litres of raw sewage off our coast, thousands of times across a five-year period. The judgement determined that between 16 billion and 21 billion litres of raw sewage had been dumped into some of the “most precious, delicate environments in the country”.



One week after the court case, I met with Ian McAulay, CEO of Southern Water. While I wish I could say the meeting went well, and that the leadership at Southern Water presented myself and other MPs a plan for how this situation won’t be repeated, this unfortunately wasn’t the case. The meeting started with excuses from Southern Water on how the breach was not as bad as reports made out, and despite significant pressure from MPs there was no clear plan given on how to resolve the problem. When I asked them how much it would cost to fix this problem completely, they said “billions” but that they didn’t really know, indicating they hadn’t actually looked into it.

In my opinion, it seems that the problem is so great that it will be cheaper for them to continue to pay the fines without fixing the problem. I pointed out to Southern Water that in the last 7 days, after the judgement, there had been another release near Peacehaven and Saltdean of raw sewage. They told me this was due to a blockage that was not expected, but again couldn’t assure me of how they were going to stop this being repeated.

As long as these privatised water companies have the concerns of their shareholders and profits to think about they’ll continue to take the easy and cheap way out. Inevitably this will mean more illegal dumping and paying fines that are cheaper than the infrastructure upgrades.

I will be raising this matter with the relevant minister and coastal MPs who now have an obligation to hold Southern Water to account. You can contact me by email on lloyd@russell-moyle.co.uk or on 01273 550121.

Green Corner

Update from Chair of Amenities & Civic Centre Committee

The Civic Centre is beginning to re-open following the lifting of Government lockdown restrictions. The building itself is always clean and well organised thanks to the Caretakers and Town Clerk and the other members of the Team. Recently we have started to work on making the inside and outside of the building more attractive and welcoming. The Town Council has also been successful in its application for funds from the Welcome Back Fund initiated by Central Government and administered by Lewes District Council. The idea of this fund is to encourage communities to emerge from their homes in the aftermath of the Pandemic. By meeting together both indoors and outdoors isolation can be relieved and mental and physical health can be improved.

From this comes the emerging plans to make the most of all of the Town's amenity spaces. A Management Plan for The Copse and Chatsworth Park is being prepared, the first such plan for both of these green spaces. Consultations and specialist reports take time to commission and work through but an Access Report, Ecological Survey and a suggested planting plan and Tree Survey have all been received or will be shortly. Without this specialist information we could not be sure that we were not doing more harm than good in any actions we take or propose to take.

The Memory Garden is having special attention and our recent call for volunteers resulted in professional help being offered on a voluntary basis which will be invaluable to the Town. This year plentiful rain has shown what is planted in the central mound and with guidance some cutting back and rearrangement of the planting will take place. Remember, you are welcome to plant in this area.



Litter Picking

On Sunday 13th June, volunteers met in Chatsworth Park to litter pick and keep the park tidy. Geraldine, Philip, Pat, Christine, Nick, Louise, Charlie, Nell, Alan, Barney, Hayley, Ollie, Kiera, Ted and Bess volunteered their free time to help, along with Cllrs Isobel Sharkey, Laurence O'Connor, Ciarron Clarkson, Mayor David Judd and Town Clerk Stella Newman. It was a beautiful day to be out in the park and the group collected 14 bags of rubbish, which will go a long way to keeping the area nice for residents and animals over the summer.

On Sunday 11th July volunteers met in a sunny Chatsworth Park to litter pick and sweep and clear the footpaths. Geraldine, Philip, Pat, Christine, Louise, Charlie, Nell, Liz, Laurie and Cathy joined Councillors Isobel Sharkey, Christine Robinson, Cathy Gallagher and Ciarron Clarkson. It was a warm day and the volunteers worked hard gathering 7 bags of litter and sweeping and clearing the footpaths around the memory garden and north of the car park.

Our next litter picks are scheduled for 11am on Sunday 12th September and 10th October in Chatsworth Park. Please contact us if you would like to be involved.



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



Future Events

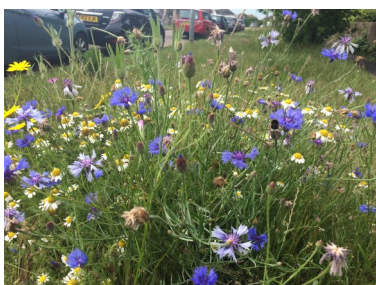
We will be running a trial bingo evening on Friday 27th August with pre-booking essential and limited spaces for the safety of our residents. Please call us to book or for further information on 01273 589777. We will also be holding a **Macmillan coffee morning** on Thursday 23rd September from 10am—12 midday at the Telscombe Civic Centre and as long as no restrictions are imposed again, a Christmas Day coffee morning at the Civic Centre from 10am—1pm. Don't forget to put the dates in your diary.

Other events are currently being planned, so please keep an eye on our website, Facebook page and in the next issue of the *Town Crier Newsletter* for updates



Wildflower Verges

Roadside verges are home to nearly half of the UK's wildflower species, link habitats, assist in species migration and act as vital corridors for insects, bees, butterflies and other wildlife. While some verges need to be cut for road safety, others can be left to grow during the spring and summer months to promote movement and prevent certain wildlife from becoming isolated. The grass is then cut and taken away once in autumn. While you are welcome to cut the normal verges outside your house, **if it is a designated wildflower verge please leave it uncut** - most wildflower verges are marked by a small yellow, flower shaped sign (pictured above)



There are now 176 verges in East Sussex, including 4 designated in Telscombe Cliffs and East Saltdean. These are located at Crowborough Road in East Saltdean and in Telscombe the grass strip and sides of the A259 opposite Telscombe Tye, the verge in front of Gorham Court on the South Coast Road and two verges on the corner of Telscombe Road before the unmade track. Many wildflowers can be found in these verges and bring a splash of colour to the local area.

If you believe a verge is of special ecological interest, you can submit an application for it to be considered a wildlife verge online at:-

www.eastsussexhighways.com/application-forms/wildlife-verge



The Council runs a grants scheme to promote Telscombe Town as a vibrant, active and sustainable community and contribute to the development of projects and services that benefit that community. In so doing, the Council is aware of its responsibility for public funds and for the distribution of these funds to be managed in accordance with proper standards.

Please see our Grants policy on our website, where it is also possible to download an application form. Our next meeting takes place on 6th September, and the deadline for applications is Friday 27th August. We look forward to receiving applications from local charities and/or community groups.

The Mayor, Cllr David Judd, is also running a grants scheme which will be open to groups who need financial help. Please contact the Council offices for a copy of the Application Form and Policy.

Community Events with Helping Out CIC

On Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th June, Helping Out CIC ran a nature trail in Chatsworth Park. Residents big and small were invited to follow the information posters around the park, answering questions on the natural environment. Any intrepid naturalist who finished the course was rewarded with a chocolate egg—a tremendous 600 eggs were given out over the weekend.



The event was supported by Telscombe and Peacehaven Town Councils as well as a number of local businesses. It was brilliant to have such an interesting event happening and to see so many people enjoying the park.

On Friday 6th August Helping Out CIC held a community picnic in Chatsworth Park. The event was well attended and there were lots of games and activities. Thanks to a donation from Sue Hill of Kempton House Day Centre, lunches were provided for free with an army of volunteers giving their time to make up sandwiches and snacks.



Many families attended and enjoyed playing amongst other local children with sports equipment lent by Develop Outdoors.

Thank you to Louise Clarkson and Jo Waner for organising these events. Helping Out are planning their next event, more details to be found on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/HelpingoutPeacehavenandTelscombe/>

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