

Your New Councillors

At the Annual Council meeting in May, Cllr Laurence O'Connor was elected as Mayor and Cllr David Judd as Deputy Mayor.

Three candidates had applied for co-option onto the Council as the uncontested election had left five spaces available. All three candidates spoke about what they could offer to the Council and what they would like to see improved in East Saltdean and Telscombe Cliffs. Following discussion, the elected Councillors unanimously voted to co-opt all three candidates.

There are still two spaces available which were advertised to be filled by co-option, but no potential candidates applied.

*Pictured from left to right:
Front row: Cllr David Judd - Deputy Mayor, Cllr Isobel Sharkey (standing), Cllr Laurence O'Connor - Mayor*

Back row: Cllr Brian Page (co-opted), Cllr Ciarron Clarkson, Cllr Jo Perrotta, Cllr Des McGuckian (co-opted), Cllr Christine Robinson, Cllr Neil Watts (co-opted), Cllr Cathy Gallagher & Cllr Michele Lawrie



The Mayor of Telscombe

Cllr O'Connor said "I am honoured to be elected by colleagues as the Mayor of Telscombe. In the year ahead I hope to meet as many residents as possible and I look forward to attending various events to represent the town. The Mayor has the opportunity to raise funds for charities and this year it would be great to support children's charities, in particular those dealing with mental health issues."

Cllr O'Connor is pictured at the Forest School awards afternoon in Chatsworth Park where he presented students with their graduation documents.



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Chairman Cllr Robinson and Vice Chairman Cllr Judd

Planning & Highways -

Chairman Cllr Sharkey and Vice Chairman Cllr Gallagher

Policy & Resources -

Chairman Cllr Clarkson and Vice Chairman Cllr McGuckian

Telscombe Town Council's Meetings Dates

AUGUST to NOVEMBER 2023

Planning & Highways	Mon 14th August
Planning & Highways	Mon 4th September
Grants (sub-com)	Mon 11th September
Policy & Resources	Mon 11th September
FULL COUNCIL	Wed 20th September
Planning & Highways	Mon 25th September
Amenities & Civic Centre	Wed 27th September
Planning & Highways	Mon 16th October
Planning & Highways	Mon 6th November
Policy & Resources	Mon 13th November
FULL COUNCIL	Wed 15th November
Amenities & Civic Centre	Mon 20th November
Planning & Highways	Mon 27th November

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Cllr Christine Robinson

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- 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 & are held at the Civic Centre.
- Agendas are displayed on Council notice boards and the website a few days before meetings.
- Dates are subject to change - please phone the Civic Centre on 01273 589777 to ensure the meeting is being held or check the website.
- A full list of dates is available on our 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.



We will include updates on our website, noticeboards and Facebook page of all upcoming events, or you can call or email us via the contact details on the opposite page.

Come along to our regular family fun bingo night on the last Friday of each month at the Telscombe Civic Centre. It starts at 7pm prompt and you can win small cash



prizes. There is free tea/coffee and biscuits in the half time break. **Seating is limited and pre-booking is essential.** Proceeds to the Mayor of Telscombe's charity fund. Either ring the office on 01273 589777 or email enquiries@telscombetowncouncil.gov.uk

We will be holding a coffee morning on Thursday 28th September in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support from 10am to 12 midday. We hope to see you there. If you would like to have a stall to sell something, please get in touch via the above contact details.



Sussex Day The Council were proud to celebrate Sussex Day on the 16th June at the Telscombe Civic Centre with a flag raising followed by tea and cake. The Deputy Mayor read out the Sussex Charter, see below:



For all the people of the ancient kingdom of Sussex!

Let it be known: the 16 June of each and every year shall be known as Sussex Day.

Sussex Day shall be celebrated according to the rites and traditions of Sussex.

Let it be known all the people of Sussex shall be responsible for the maintenance of those boundaries that join to those of our neighbours.

Let it be known all the people of Sussex shall be responsible for all the environs within those boundaries.

Let it be known, the people of Sussex shall recognise the inshore waters that lie inside a line drawn from Beachy Head, and extending to Selsey Bill as being, the Bay of Sussex.

Let it be known, the people of Sussex will undertake responsibility for the general well-being of our neighbours.

Let it be known the people of Sussex shall be guardians of our wildlife.

Let it be known the people of Sussex will, through custom support all local business.

Finally, let it be known, as guardians of Sussex, we all know Sussex is Sussex ... and Sussex won't be druv!

Town Council Grants

Twice a year, the Town Council invites local voluntary or community groups to apply for a grant of up to £500. The aim of the scheme is to help promote Telscombe Town as a vibrant, active and sustainable community and contribute to the development of projects and services that will directly benefit residents of the town as much as possible. Applications can be made for help towards a special project, or the everyday running costs of your organisation.



The application form is available via our website, or from the Council Office at the Civic Centre.

The next meeting will be on Monday 11th September and the deadline for applications is Friday 1st September. Businesses, individuals and political parties are not eligible. Please see our Grants Policy on our website for full terms and conditions.

The Lewes District Citizens Advice telephone lines (0808 278 7892) are now open Tuesday to Thursday 10am-2pm with a limited out of hours service. Voicemails can be left on 01273 007557. Due to exceptionally high demand at present, they are unable to offer a drop in service and can only offer prior appointments. These are currently held from 10am - 3:30pm on Monday in Seaford; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in Newhaven; Thursday in Peacehaven and Friday in Lewes. Further details can be found on their website www.lewesdistrictca.org.uk



The main Citizens Advice self-help website is www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Green Corner

Volunteer Sessions & Litter Picking

On Monday 8th May, Coronation Volunteering Day, 46 amazing volunteers turned up to help in Chatsworth Park. In preparation for summer there was lots to do. A group of young volunteers installed hedgehog homes donated by Meridian Primary's Forest School, volunteers weeded and seeded the wildflower beds, 2 bird boxes were installed as well as path sweeping and litter picking and 6 trees were planted including Amelanchier, Hornbeam, Field Maple and Cherry Plum.

On Sunday 4th June 42 fantastic volunteers turned out to help with the Chatsworth Park volunteers. The weather was excellent and there was a real buzz of activity, and it wasn't just from the bees. Volunteers litter picked and swept paths in the sunny weather. The green netting was removed from the pond allowing a better view of the plants and insects. A drainage trench was dug along the edge of another footpath which we hope will prevent the path flooding and the group began cutting back grass encroachment and widening the paths. The wildflower beds are looking stunning, and some brilliant volunteers weeded out some of the grasses which would have suppressed the flowers.



On Sunday 2nd July, a beautiful summer's day, 33 volunteers met to tidy up Chatsworth Park. Lots of work was completed. Some took the difficult job of sweeping and clearing paths. Work has begun to cut back grass encroaching on the footpaths and will continue. Laurence and Phillip finished the dead hedge around the pond with willow whips, while other volunteers collected 10 bags of rubbish and a number of broken garden chairs.



All the volunteers were rewarded with a free drink from Wander Coffee which they definitely deserved on such a warm day. Special thanks are due to Julie for supplying Elderflower cordial made with elderflowers from the park.

If you would like to get involved contact Telscombe Town Council on 01273 589777. The volunteer group meet on the first Sunday of each month. We hope they will continue to grow and go from strength to strength.

FOR SAFETY REASONS WE ASK FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION BY NOT HAVING ANY BARBEQUES, NAKED FLAMES OR OPEN FIRES IN CHATSWORTH PARK.

Horses in Chatsworth Park

Please note that horses are permitted to use the bridgeway between Park Avenue and Ambleside Avenue (marked in green on the map opposite) but should not use any other part of the park.

Dog owners should be aware that horses could be present on the bridgeway.

Thank you all for your co-operation



Chatsworth Park Pond Management

The park pond is already beginning to establish itself as a rich habitat. Many residents have spotted birds and squirrels drinking there as well as tadpoles and insects on the water. The pond has been designed for biodiversity and as such it will be managed as if it is a natural pond. This is in line with the advice Councillors received from the Lewes District ecologist.

The Chatsworth Park volunteer group will be monitoring the pond and maintaining the plants and fencing, however, as we come into what is expected to be a warm summer, residents should know the pond will not be topped up with water.

The pond was originally filled exclusively with rainwater. This is better for nature ponds as the water from our taps has additives which can help weeds flourish and is out of balance with a natural habitat. The pond has a well in the centre but if we have a hot summer it is likely the pond will become very shallow or dry out completely.

The Freshwater Habitats Trust tell us this is nothing to worry about. Our pond is soil over a pond liner so as the water recedes there are opportunities for birds to hunt for invertebrates in the bottom of the pond. In the wild 40% of lowland countryside ponds dry out in drought years. Surveys of these ponds show they are amongst some of the most diverse. This is because many animals are adapted to live in ponds that dry out.

Water beetles, pond skaters and backswimmers will fly away. Mayflies, stoneflies, caddis flies, true-flies and damselflies will already have emerged from the pond as flying adults. Dragonflies have a two-year (or longer) life cycle. The younger ones can often survive in damp vegetation or burrow into mud. Frogs, toads and newts live most of their life in damp, shaded woodland returning to ponds to breed in early spring. The pond is also for encouraging amphibians like frogs and newts. If someone was to add fish to the pond they would eat frog and newt eggs. Having a shallow pond allows volunteers to catch and remove fish if this happens.

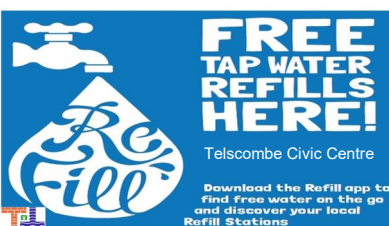
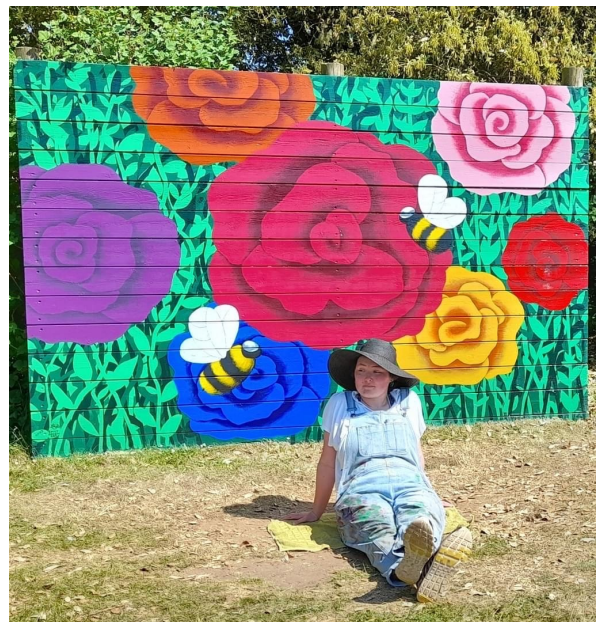
A shallow or dry pond is nothing to worry about. It's a natural cycle for lots of ponds and can allow new opportunities for other animals to flourish.

Chatsworth Park Ball Wall

Huge thanks go to Emily Golding who recently gave up her half term break to paint this beautiful mural on the ball wall in Chatsworth Park.

Emily designed and painted it all herself and said "I couldn't be happier with how it's turned out - but don't worry, you can still use it as intended. Art is collaborative and sometimes that collaboration is kicking a football at the art. Thank you to everyone who stopped with compliments and to get your handprints put up on the back." Cllr Clarkson said that the handprints was a great way to involve our younger park goers in the painting and is a special record which will be there for years to come.

She has hidden several bees within the foliage, so why not go along and see if you can find them all?



Tap Water Refills Available at the Civic Centre

The Civic Centre now offers free tap refills of water bottles - please bring your bottle to reception and we will happily refill it for you. Download the Refill app to tap into a global network of places to reduce, reuse and refill.

Find out more via their website www.refill.org.uk

Wildflower Verges



Telscombe Town Council have been establishing wildflower and meadow verges across the town over the last few years. Wildflowers encourage bees, butterflies and other important pollinating insects to the area and can inject a splash of colour to our town.

Wildflower and meadow verges are cut once a year in October by East Sussex County Council, with the grass from wildflower verges being collected, but not that from meadow verges. East Sussex County Council are responsible for grass verges and they decide which ones should be granted wildflower status and which should be granted meadow status, depending on the amount and variety of wildflowers growing in a particular location.

Two current wildflower verges are outside Gorham Court on the

South Coast Road (see picture, left) and the corner of Highview Road and the South Coast Road (see picture, right).

If you are interested in nominating the verge outside your property or another area within the town, please contact us at amenities@telscombetowncouncil.gov.uk or call us on 01273 589777



Lloyd Russell-Moyle MP

It was a pleasure this year to go to the Telscombe and Peacehaven fair. This event alternates between Peacehaven and Telscombe and shows what we can do when we work together: community, organisations, stallholders, and local businesses.

A fantastic colour run started the event with our very own Mayor, covered in colour, raising money for charity. The Peacehaven Mayor played 'Sussex by the Sea' on his hand organ, and the fair was opened, but more than ever, it shows to me how the two towns working together make sense.



Telscombe and Peacehaven come together not only in an annual fair, football club, or our secondary school but also in our library. Our towns have done and continue to work with each other in a cooperative way.

I have often been critical of the part District Council administrations and the current East Sussex County Council play because our towns don't receive the funding or services we deserve for a combined town of our size. Far too often, when it suits decision-makers, they decide to separate us to deny us the status we should have in the district.

The border between our towns goes unnoticed by most residents, and our community spirit stretches from Longridge Avenue to the Peacehaven Cliffs, something our fair demonstrates.

I want to start a conversation about how our town councils can work even closer together - if you have any ideas please feel free to get in contact.

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Let's Talk About Recycling Contamination

There are five approved materials - paper, card, metal, plastic, and glass which can be put into your kerbside recycling bin.

Unfortunately, there's been a worrying trend of contamination in recycling bins over the past few months. This means that non-recyclable items are being mixed in with recyclable ones, which could lead to the whole bin not being collected. These include items such as black bags of household waste, wood, food, nappies, oral care products, polystyrene, bubble wrap, fabric, and electrical items.

At the Material Recovery Facility, a sample is inspected to see if there are any undesirable materials/contamination within the load. If contamination is too high, the whole load may be rejected and sent to energy reclaim, which is not at all what we want or intend.

So, let's work together to keep our recycling clean and effective. Your small actions can make a big difference.

Thank you again for your continued efforts to recycle correctly.

What can go in your Recycling Bin?

* All items clean, dry and loose please.



Yes please

- Glass bottles
- Glass jars
- Cardboard
- Paper
- Shredded paper (in clear bags)
- Food tins
- Drink cans
- Aluminium foil

- Aerosol cans (empty)
- Plastic bottles (squash and put lids back on)
- Plastic pots, tubs and trays
- Plastic bags and films
- Plastic packaging



No thanks

- Electrical items and batteries
- Black plastic bags
- Food waste
- Textiles
- Food/drinks cartons
- Pyrex/ovenproof glassware
- Drinking glasses
- Crockery
- Window panes

- Mirrors
- Light bulbs
- Garden waste
- Polystyrene/bubblewrap
- Hard plastics e.g. toys and plant pots
- Foil-lined plastic pouches and bags e.g. crisp packets
- Household refuse





Help us to recycle even more

Fly tipping

Fly tipping is defined as the 'illegal deposit of any waste onto land that does not have a licence to accept it' **and this includes dumping your garden waste (garden clippings etc) onto Council owned land, eg Chatsworth Park, the Copse or the Tye.**

If you do not have a compost heap, you need to take your garden waste to the tip, or sign up for the garden waste collection that Lewes District Council offer - call 01273 471600 or go to www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk Dog poo can be taken away in your weekly bin collection (please make sure it is bagged up securely), so please do not bring large bags from home to leave by a bin in the park, as this is very unpleasant and also classified as fly tipping.



Fly tipping is a 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.

Instances of fly tipping will be reported.

Solar Panel Readings at the Civic Centre:

CO2 saved:- 77,467 Kg Total Energy Generated:- 135,908 Kwh
Total Revenue Generated:- £59,450.91 *Readings at date copy goes to press*

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



Telscombe Residents' Association News



Did you know....

If you take a stroll through our beautiful Chatsworth Park, you may notice a path which leads straight across the park from East to West, that is Ambleside Avenue to Park Avenue. At the eastern (Ambleside Avenue) end of the path there is a steep hill. There is no name plate or signpost, but for as long as I can remember (I moved to Telscombe Cliffs in 1980) this hill was, and is known, as Pigs Hill.

Now, the question is when and why? Is there anyone out there who knows the answer? If you do, please let us know. The explanation could be incorporated into the QR Code on the park information board at Ambleside Avenue and you will receive a big 'thank you'. Telephone 01273 583213/07866 301908 and/or email christinebowman3213@btinternet.com.

By the way, please don't litter and should you have your best friend with you, please remove their litter too. Thank you. Enjoy your stroll.

Pat the Hat Bowman, Chair, TRA



FareShare redistribute surplus food to charities, including homeless hostels, children's breakfast clubs, lunch clubs for older people, domestic violence refuges and community cafés. Our collection basket can be found in the foyer at the Telscombe Civic Centre, where you can donate non-perishable food.

The following items are gratefully accepted:

Tinned meat & fish	Instant coffee
Meals in a tin	Tea bags (standard black tea)
Cooking sauces	
Cooking oil (small bottles)	UHT milk (semi skimmed / whole)
Rice (500g-1kg bags)	
Savoury snacks	Sugar
(eg crackers)	Biscuits

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