

TELSCOMBE TOWN CRIER



Telscombe Town Council's newsletter

Communicating with residents

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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 15th January 2023 and the deadline for applications is Friday 5th January 2024. Businesses, individuals and political parties are not eligible. Please see our Grants Policy on our website for full terms and conditions.

**Christmas
Coffee
Morning**

**10am - 12 midday
Monday 25th December**

at Telscombe Civic Centre

A free drink & snack provided

Poaching on the Tye

At the end of September, a resident contacted the police to advise there were poachers on the Tye. A



response unit attended and found the suspects, complete with rabbiting nets. With advice from the Rural Crime team, the officers were able to seize their nets (as the Game Act 1830 allows) and sent them on their way. Police felt it was more effective to seize their equipment, which will not be returned to them, rather than pursue this through the courts. Fortunately they had not caught any rabbits.


Thank you to the resident for reporting this to the police, and to the police for their swift action.

If you see any illegal activities on the Tye, please report it to the police on 101 or via their website, or call 999 if it is an emergency.

Contents:- Councillor Contact Details; Meeting Dates; CIL explained; Green Corner; Wildflower Areas; NDP update; MP's update; Safe C7 project; FareShare; Telscombe Residents Association news; adverts

Telscombe Town comprising of Telscombe Cliffs, East Saltdean & Telscombe Village



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. **Christmas opening hours will be published on our website nearer the time.** 

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Vice Chairman - Cllr Gallagher

Policy & Resources -

Chairman - Cllr Clarkson

Vice Chairman - Cllr McGuckian

Telscombe Town Council's Meetings Dates

MID NOVEMBER 2023 TO END FEBRUARY 2024

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Wed 15th November

Wed 22nd November
 Mon 27th November

Mon 18th December

Wed 20th December

Wed 10th January 2024
 Monday 15th January
 Monday 15th January

Wed 17th January

Wed 24th January
 Wed 31st January

Wed 21st February

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Cllr Laurence O'Connor

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Cllr Christine Robinson

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County Councillor for Telscombe:-

(ward area Telscombe, East Saltdean & North Peacehaven):-

Cllr Christine Robinson

Cllr.christine.robinson@eastsussex.gov.uk

- 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— dates may be subject to change.
- The Council, members of the public & press may record/ film/ photograph or broadcast meetings when the public and press are not lawfully excluded.

Saturday Afternoon Musicals at the Civic Centre



Doors open 2:45pm, film starts 3pm
£4 per ticket, including popcorn. Tickets can be purchased from the Civic Centre, Monday to Friday 9am to 4:15pm

2nd December - The Muppet Christmas Carol film; with hot chocolate a mince pie

10th February - Matilda the Musical film

30th March - Grease the movie



We held a coffee morning on Thursday 28th September in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and the total fundraising was an amazing £345.

Our thanks go to everyone that came along and donated and to the Mayor, Cllr Laurence O'Connor, for donating £100 from his bingo fundraising event in September.

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.

Community Infrastructure Levy Explained

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a planning based charge, introduced by the Planning Act 2008 as a tool for local authorities to help deliver infrastructure to support development in their area. It can be used to help pay for a wide range of infrastructure required to support new development or anything else concerned with addressing the demands that development places on our area. This could include sporting and recreational facilities, transport improvements, signage, cycleways, footpaths, village halls, open spaces and lighting.

Lewes District Council (LDC) implemented its CIL charging schedule with all relevant permitted developments chargeable for those areas of the district that lie outside the South Downs National Park Authority from 1st December 2015. CIL can be charged on most new development which creates net additional floor space of 100sqm or more, or creates a new dwelling.

A 15% proportion of the CIL income is passed directly to us from Lewes District Council and once we have a Neighbourhood Plan in place, this will rise to 25%. We receive the funds every 6 months in April and October and should spend it within 5 years of receipt. If this is not done, LDC have the power to recover the funds. This is to ensure that money is spent effectively to benefit the local community.

We have to produce a publicly available annual report no later than 31st December each year following the reported year (the financial year) on the use of our share of the CIL receipts. This should include the total receipts for the reported year, the projects CIL has been applied to, and the amount of expenditure on each item. Reports are published on our website for members of the public to view.

As at the end of the 2022/23 financial year, we have received a total of £37,215 from LDC and spent £24,017 on playground equipment and barriers outside a playground, leaving a balance of £13,198.

Green Corner - Volunteer Sessions & Litter Picking

We have had another three fabulous volunteer events at Chatsworth Park and removed 28 bags of rubbish, as well as two old bikes and a car tyre. Five bird boxes which were made by the students of Meridian Primary School were hung and the hibernaculum kindly started by Develop Outdoors forest school was finished and the top seeded with wildflowers. Leaves and mud were swept from the paths to keep them open and safe to use. We planted 50 native wildflower plugs in the woodland as part of an understory restoration project which should see a beautiful flowering habitat by next spring. Wildflower seeds were sown in three locations - next to Ambleside Avenue, by the newest pond and by the fantastically painted ball wall next to Kirby Drive. The gully at the bottom of Pigs Hill near to Central Avenue was cleared again, to allow the water to drain away and stop large puddles from forming.



Female Emperor Dragonfly seen at the first pond

If you would like to get involved contact Telscombe Town Council on 01273 589777. The volunteer group meet at 11am on the first Sunday of each month in the car park by Wander Coffee. We hope they will continue to grow and go from strength to strength.

Volunteers have helped to build a new pond in Chatsworth Park. It connects the wild flower verge to the understory habitat that runs along the eastern boundary of the park. It's another natural pond and the hope is amphibians will migrate between the two ponds. The new pond will be planted with aquatic plants once it has started to fill. There is a hunting perch for dragonflies, a log pile habitat and basking stones for reptiles. A dead hedge fence will be made to protect it by volunteers and students with Develop Outdoors.

Last year, the Council carried out a survey with residents about Chatsworth Park. A resident came forward with an idea for an enclosed space where children could be among nature without coming in to contact with dogs. An enclosed space allows freedom for young people to explore in a controlled environment.



The students of Develop Outdoors CIC built a dead hedge around a bank of trees in the northern end of the park and, using a grant from The House Project, the Chatsworth Park volunteers funded a gate to enclose it. This has created a space called Discovery Wood. Residents young and old are encouraged to take a look inside and explore.



Horses in Chatsworth Park

Please note that horses are permitted to use the bridleway between Park Avenue and Ambleside Avenue but should NOT use any other part of the park. Dog owners should be aware that horses could be present on the bridleway. Thank you all for your co-operation

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



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

Wildflower Areas

Chatsworth Park has 3 wildflower areas which are managed by volunteers in co-operation with the Town Council. The most recent work has been to expand them and to prepare for next year's growth. The beds were created in different ways to explore what techniques worked the best and following this the volunteer group have developed a management plan to maintain and improve them.

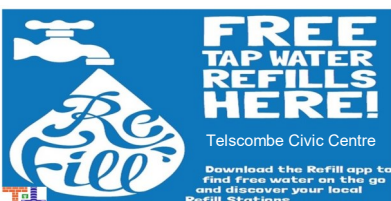
The wildflower area on Ambleside Avenue has been wild grasses only in its first year. On its own it has produced sow thistle, ragwort, ribwort plantain and yarrow which are fantastic for pollinators. In September three strips were cut and the ground prepared for wildflower seed. This area will be maintained as a combination of wild grasses which are fantastic habitats for small mammals, reptiles, amphibians and insects like moths. The additional wildflower will border the path cut through the grass by walkers making a beautiful space to walk through filled with the sounds of insects and scent of flowers.

The second bed on the east of the park next to the newest pond has been incredibly successful. This has been widened to create an even larger habitat. Over the autumn/winter when the flowers have gone to seed, they will be cut and removed. In nature this activity would be done by grazing animals like cows, deer or horses. By allowing the seed to fall we are ensuring new growth next year but clearing the old growth is important, as this will create light and space for things to grow. We expect that next year this bed will be a show stopper for park visitors.

The last bed on the west side of the park adjacent to Kirby Drive has also been prepped. It is also being widened and in Autumn/Winter will also have a hay cut to remove this year's growth and make space for next year. This area is 40m wide and when in bloom will make a spectacular view.



A huge thank you to Cllr Laurence O'Connor for his hard work and help and also Jody Symons who on top of hard work and help provided his time, knowledge and equipment to prepare and maintain the wildflower. It would not be possible to have these habitats without them."



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.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

For some years now Peacehaven and Telscombe Town Councils have been supporting the work of a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to set out a vision for the future of the area together with planning policies which will be used to determine planning applications locally.



The Councils have previously consulted on this document earlier this year. However, there have been formatting revisions to the policies within the Neighbourhood Plan. Before it is examined by a government inspector there is a further consultation about its compliance with the legal requirements until 5pm Friday 24th November 2023.

The revised Peacehaven and Telscombe Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents are available to view on the Lewes District Council website. Alternatively, if you know someone that may have difficulty in engaging online, hard copies of the submitted documents are available to view at the Civic Centre.

Feedback on the Neighbourhood Plan can be submitted by emailing ldf@lewes.gov.uk, via the consultation portal on the website, or via post to Southover House, Southover Road, Lewes, BN7 1AB.

Please be aware that all comments received by the authority will be made publicly available (in due course). These will be identified by name and where applicable, by organisation.

Cllr Cathy Gallagher, Steering Group Chair

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

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Lloyd Russell-Moyle MP

So much going on in Telscombe and East Saltdean this month! It's great to see so many events for all the family to take part in.

I went along to the launch of the Telscombe Trail at the beginning of October. Havens Community Hub has partnered with Telscombe Residents Association to create a brand-new trail map, and we all enjoyed discovering and exploring the exciting history of the area, taking in some beautiful scenery around Chatsworth Park, Telscombe Tye and Telscombe Village.



It's also great to see some many residents, young and old(er), participating in the Chatsworth Park litter picking sessions. Wildflower seeds were sown for pollinators, paths swept for pedestrians, and bags of litter picked, ensuring that the park remains a beautiful space for all to enjoy.

Peacehaven and Telscombe Parish Councils have prepared a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the parishes. The Plan sets out a vision for the future of the area and planning policies which will be used to determine planning applications locally. The plan and its associated documents are subject to a 6-week consultation from Thursday 12th October to Friday 24th November 2023.

The Peacehaven and Telscombe App has launched, making it even easier for residents and visitors alike to keep track of all the many community events taking place, as well as providing contact details for the councils, local services and much more. It's a great way to keep up to date with everything that's going on!

I try and get along to as many events as possible and as always feel free to come up and bend my ear about anything you'd like. Alternatively you can contact my office on lloyd@russell-moyle.co.uk

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Update from the Safe C7 Project Delivery Team

Thanks to contributions from local councils, parishes, grant funding bodies and local people, we have raised sufficient funds to move on to the next stage of the Safer C7 Project. We are now inviting suitable consultant organisations to submit costed proposals to: *“...assess the C7 between Lewes and Newhaven, taking account of the planned developments to the C324, through Kingston village to its junction with the A27; produce recommendations that will reduce the safety risks for all the users of these rural roads; develop a phased strategy for implementation of the agreed improvements; produce a detailed costed plan for the initial phase.”*

The full terms of reference are on the project website www.thec7road.co.uk/safer-c7-project.

A number of consultant organisations have already registered to submit proposals for this exciting project. This is a competitive process and tenders will be evaluated against explicit criteria with a selection to be made on 30 November 2023.

Conserving and enhancing the rural character of the road is an essential element of the Safer C7 Project. It is our aspiration that the design strategy for the C7 will become a best practice example of traffic calming measures on rural roads, undertaken in full harmony with their environment. We hope that the resulting strategy will act as a demonstration project and template for safety improvements on other rural roads.

We will be inviting affiliate members of the project, representing local councils, parishes and other interested bodies, including the SDNPA and ESCC, to attend a meeting with the project delivery team on the evening of Tuesday 21 November 2023. Details will be sent nearer the time.

We will continue to update you on progress.

Thank you for your on-going support from the Safe C7 Project Delivery Team



Telscombe Town Council's Christmas Bingo

Friday 15th December

Prompt 7pm start
Pre-booking essential
01273 589777
enquiries@telscombetowncouncil.gov.uk
or come into the Civic Centre

Finish approx. 10pm

Cash Prizes, Extra Games and Raffle

All proceeds to Mayor of Telscombe's Charity Fund

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 (eg crackers)	Sugar
	Biscuits

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



Did you know....

That there are 2.3 million pensioners who are entitled to extra pension payments (called 'pension credit') but most don't claim. Yes, you did read that right – 2.3 million! So, why don't they claim? A number of reasons: they don't know about it; they feel it doesn't apply to them; they're embarrassed, or they don't like the idea of 'means tested' benefits.

It's a pity, because if they are awarded as little as 1p extra pension, it opens the door to a myriad of additional benefits, such as free dental care; vouchers towards spectacles; warm weather payments; free TV Licence if over age 75; help with housing costs and a reduction in Council Tax. Pension Credit doesn't affect any other benefits you may be getting, which may actually be increased!

Even the phone call is free – 0800 991234. You will need to provide some information: National Insurance number, details of income and savings, **BUT** no form filling - Good luck!

I'd like to say a big thank you to all who attended the launch day of the 'Telscombe Magic Trail' on Saturday 7 October, and to Havens Community Hub and Telscombe Town Council for organising this event which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

There are copies of the 'Telscombe Magic Trail' available free of charge at Telscombe Civic Centre reception.
Pat the Hat Bowman



Pictured l-r: Jacqui Flavell (Havens), Cllr Aimee Harman (PTC), Pat the Hat, Lloyd Russell-Moyle MP, Christine Bowman, the Telscombe Fairy, magician Sam Jones, Mayor of Telscombe Cllr Laurence O'Connor

Solar Panel Readings at the Civic Centre:

CO2 saved:- **79,421 Kg**

Total Energy Generated:- **139,342 Kwh**

Total Revenue Generated:- **£61,927.63**

Readings at date copy goes to press

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