

Christmas Coffee Morning



On Christmas morning the Civic Centre was once again open to all for coffee, a bacon or sausage bap and mince pies. About 40 people attended and enjoyed a morning of chat and celebration overseen by the Good Fairy, Lucy.

Many thanks to Cllr David Judd, Nick and Teresa for cooking and generally making the morning go well. Councillors O'Connor, Clarkson, Robinson, and Watts, along with the Chair of Lewes District Council Councillor Ian Alexander, also attended.



Special thanks to our member of staff Kevin for giving up his time voluntarily and opening the Centre.

Any surplus food was donated to local charities.



Christmas Donations

On Christmas morning, the annual warm clothes and food bank collection was organised at Saltdean Lido. Part of the food bank collection was donated to the Community Supermarket held at Community House, Meridian Centre, Peacehaven.

The supermarket is open every Thursday morning from 11am to 1pm on a 'pay as you feel' basis and there is a café area offering refreshments, soup and sweet treats prepared in the community kitchen, as well as signposting to a range of support services.

The Mayor of Telscombe, Cllr Laurence O'Connor, and Cllr Cathy Gallagher are pictured handing over the food donations to Amy from the Community Supermarket.

Thank you to everyone who made this possible.



Contents:- Councillor Contact Details; Meeting Dates; MP's update; Food Waste; Green Corner; NDP update; Library update; ESCC update; adverts; Grass verge cutting consultation



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Telscombe Town Council's Meetings Dates

MARCH TO MAY 2024

Audit (sub-committee)

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Wed 6th March 6:30pm

Wed 6th March

Wed 13th March

WED 20th MARCH

Wed 27th March

Wed 10th April

WED 17th APRIL

Wed 1st May

Wed 8th May

WED 15th MAY

Wed 22nd May

Wed 29th May

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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— 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 30th March- We are showing “Grease” the movie. Doors open 2:30pm, film starts 3pm. £4 (cash only) per ticket, including popcorn. Tickets can be purchased from the Civic Centre, Monday to Friday 9am to 4:15pm

Dates for your diary- Last Friday of the month 7-9pm - BINGO! In the Civic Centre. Limited

spaces, booking essential

Saturday 6th July 12-4pm - SUMMER FAYRE in Chatsworth Park (please contact us if you would like a stall).

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.

Telscombe Town Council is showing the film

“Grease”



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Lloyd Russell-Moyle MP

Happy New Year! I hope you all managed to enjoy some special times in recent weeks. I was fortunate enough to start my Christmas celebrations by accompanying Telscombe’s Mayor, Laurence O’Connor, to the Peacehaven Players highly entertaining production of “Alice in Pantoland”. Please do let me know if there are future events that you would like me to attend as one of the best aspects of my job is getting to know the people and places in my constituency. I will always try and be present at as many as I can, Parliamentary commitments permitting.



We have experienced some particularly cold weather recently, and I know that the Cost-of-Living Crisis is still impacting many residents, especially regarding heating costs. There is a lot of help available if you need support with your energy bills, or affording food or just generally struggling to make ends meet. Citizens Advice are running a community outreach programme with drop-in advice available at Telscombe Civic Centre on the last Tuesday of every month from 10:30 – 12:30pm, or fortnightly at the Community Supermarket in the Meridian Centre, Peacehaven on Thursdays from 11:00 -1.30pm

2024 will see some exciting times locally, with major works soon commencing on the Meridian Centre re-development, as well as work to improve facilities and boost provision for young people from across the area at the Joff Youth Centre.

Exciting times ahead this year in Parliament too, not only with the prospect of a General Election, but also my Private Member’s Bill, to prohibit LGBT Conversion Practices. If you want to know any more about any or all of the above, please feel free to get in contact with my office on 01273 550121 or lloyd@russell-moyle.co.uk

Food Waste

We have been advised by Lewes District Council that food waste collections will continue to take place on the same day as refuse collections, but will now be collected at different times due to their food waste collection crews having their own all-electric collection vehicles. The roll-out of the new fleet will be phased in following a successful pilot on selected routes over the summer. Please leave both your food waste bin and refuse bin in a clearly visible spot outside your property by 6am on collection day, both bins should remain outside until they are emptied. The rollout of this change will take place in phases and different areas will be affected at different stages.

A third of the rubbish in an average household bin is food waste. Joining the food waste recycling scheme can reduce your impact on the environment, and help you to save money on your food bill by cutting down on waste. You can even recycle cooked food scraps, meat, and dairy. Lewes District Council offer every household free compostable caddy liners for recycling food waste and you will receive a roll with your equipment when you sign up. They are also available at the Civic Centre between 9am-4pm Monday to Friday.

Green Corner - Volunteer Sessions & Litter Picking



On an incredibly wet Sunday 3rd December, 11 of the hardest volunteers turned out to work in the park. More work was done to reduce footpath flooding, as well as sweeping and clearing them to keep them open to residents for the winter.

The volunteers then kicked the new year off with a bang! Twenty seven volunteers met to assess the park after the two recent storms and 10 bags of rubbish were collected. Cllr Des

McGuckian had fun teaching our young volunteers den building and they all had a great time. Paths were swept clear and the drainage ditches which have been helpful in reducing flooding on the paths were cleared and in some cases widened to manage heavier rain. A huge thank you to everyone that attends the sessions.



We are pleased to announce that thanks to a grant from the Tree Council and Network Rail Community Fund, we will be planting a mini forest of 32 types of native trees following the Miyawaki method in Chatsworth Park. They will be in a circular formation,

with 3 pathways leading to a central area which will be used for meeting, story telling and outdoor education. The trees will encourage more biodiversity in the park and the Miyawaki method requires dense planting so it is not entered by humans, but is for animals to find habitat and thrive. It will be a significant habitat for bats and birds when it matures.



The project will also strengthen the community and breakdown generational barriers as it will be planted by volunteers, some with experience in this field, and 12 to 16 year old students who are mentored by Develop Outdoors CIC who operate a forest school in the park.

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

Walking on the Tye and in Chatsworth Park

There have been occasions recently when the sheep have left the Tye and been found wandering in the streets. Please help to keep the sheep safe by ensuring you securely close all gates when entering/leaving the Tye and report any problems with gates to the Town Council. In addition always pick up after your dogs wherever you are walking as it is a health hazard, as well as unpleasant for other walkers. It is an offence to fail to remove dog faeces deposited by a dog for which you are responsible. There are 5 bins on the Tye and 11 bins around Chatsworth Park.

Commencing on 24th November 2023, Lewes District Council have agreed to extend by 3 years, the period for which the Lewes Public Spaces Protection Order (Dog Fouling) 2017 has effect. You can be fined £100 on the spot (a fixed penalty notice) or up to £1,000 if it goes to court if you are found to breach the PSPO which covers all towns and villages within LDC's remit.

PLEASE NOTE THAT DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN ANY OF OUR PLAYGROUNDS, EVEN IF THEY ARE ON A LEAD.

Thank you for your compliance

Please close
and secure
all gates
behind you



Neighbourhood Plan Update



2024 should be a momentous year for Peacehaven and Telscombe Towns, the year that we have the first Neighbourhood Development Plan in place. Lewes District Council are now working on Schedule 17 where all of the comments made at Schedule 16 are passed to the Government examiner. The Examiner will check that all of the policies and procedures contained in the NDP comply with both the Lewes District Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

After that a referendum will be organised by the Electoral Commission for the residents of both towns to accept the plan. Having a Neighbourhood Plan and all the supporting evidence provides considerable protection against speculative development and uplifts the amounts received directly by the Town Councils to be spent on infrastructure (CIL) from 15% to 25%.

Lewes District Council are also updating their Local Plan, which is a major undertaking involving 42,000 plus representations and dozens of expert reports. Added to this the Government level of policies and strategy is also being revised. So much in planning is changing and your Councils and Councillors are fully involved in achieving the most beneficial results possible for both Towns.

Cllr Cathy Gallagher, Steering Group Chair

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

Facebook: Peacehaven & Telscombe Neighbourhood Plan **'X':** @TelscombePlan

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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

Peacehaven and Telscombe Library Update

East Sussex County Council have recently advised us that the library will remain in its current location during the future redevelopment of the Meridian Centre.

At the present time the proposed phasing plan for the work has not been agreed, but we will update you when we know more.

Once the development is complete, the library will move into a new building on the site which has been agreed with Morrisons.

East Sussex County Council Update

I was contacted some months ago by a resident, who is also a local member of Bus Watch, as he had carried out an accessibility survey of all the bus stops in Telscombe and Peacehaven. It was an extremely in-depth and detailed survey which I passed on to East Sussex County Council with a request to meet and discuss urgently.

Fortuitously they had just been awarded a huge government grant to improve bus travel for residents, so the meeting came at an ideal time. It resulted in an agreement for a number of our bus stops to have new hard standing areas and dropped kerbs to enable easier access for all. I am pleased to say this work has now been completed.

Cllr Christine Robinson

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

East Saltdean News 2024

Crowborough Road Wildflower verges

Early this spring, volunteers will be out encouraging wildflower growth and maintaining the public benches. Contractors and the very wet end to 2023 have delayed work but 2024 should see real progress.

Kerb Stones and damage to the grass verges

Your Councillors are determined to protect the grass verges and ensure that ESCC, who are responsible for pavements, highways and verges, carry out their responsibilities to ensure safety and environmental protection.

Solar Panel Readings at the Civic Centre:

CO2 saved:- 80,033 Kg
Total Energy Generated:- 140,409 Kwh
Total Revenue Generated:- £63,296.77
Readings at date copy goes to press

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Grass verge cutting consultation

Telscombe Town Council are seeking residents' views on grass verge cutting across their area. East Sussex County Council own and are responsible for grass verges in our area and currently offer Town and Parish Councils three options for highway verge maintenance as follows:-

Option 1 - Standard: Two cuts over the course of a year to be carried out by ESCC at no cost to the Town Council. Urban grass will be managed for safety purposes only.

Option 2 – Extra cuts: Town/Parish Councils may fund an additional four cuts to be carried out by ESCC, totalling six cuts (two standard and four extra) over the course of the year at a total cost of £7,050 to Telscombe Town Council.

Option 3 – Self delivery: Town/Parish Councils take on responsibility to deliver all urban grass verge cutting in their area. This must include a minimum of two cuts over the course of the year for which ESCC pay Telscombe Town Council the sum of £3,348 for the year.

Over the last few years, Telscombe Town Council have decided on option 3 and have arranged for an extra two cuts per year. The additional cost is funded by Telscombe Town Council via Council tax and for 2023 was just under £3,000.

Some residents have opted to apply for a wildflower or meadow verge outside their property through East Sussex County Council, who have to approve all applications. This encourages bees, butterflies and other important insects to the area. The grass is cut once in October by East Sussex County Council with the grass either being collected (for wildflower verges) or left (for meadow verges).

Telscombe Town Council understand that many residents like the verges to be cut uniformly and that the grass can grow high between cuts which can look untidy.

Our current grass cutting programme finishes at the end of 2024 and we are seeking residents' views before deciding on a way forward for the new programme starting in 2025. More regular cutting of the verges will have an impact on the costs passed to residents via Council tax, and a cut and collect service would currently cost the Council an additional £30,000 per annum, plus several thousand pounds extra for disposal, again a cost that would have to be borne by residents via an increase in Council tax.

Please complete the questionnaire overleaf and return it to Telscombe Town Council, Telscombe Civic Centre, 360 South Coast Road, Telscombe Cliffs, East Sussex, BN10 7ES or via email to amenities@telscombetowncouncil.gov.uk. Your feedback will greatly assist us.

CLOSING DATE FOR RESPONSES IS FRIDAY 31st MAY 2024



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



TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL



Grass verge cutting consultation

Address (optional)

How often would you like to see the grass verges cut in Telscombe and East Saltdean over the summer months?

Please state location

	Option 1 - Twice (no additional cost on residents' Council Tax)
	Option 2 - Four times, e.g. April, June, August and October
	Option 3 - Six times, e.g. once a month between April & September
	Don't know
	I would like to see a wildflower/meadow verge outside my property
	I would like to see a wildflower/meadow verge at an alternative location in the town

Please be aware additional cuts are currently not budgeted for and would result in an increase in Council tax.

Would you support most grass verges being wildflower/meadow?

Yes

No

Do you have any other comments:-

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How the information you provide will be used

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