

TELSCOMBE TOWN CRIER NEWSLETTER



News & information from Telscombe Town Council

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Telscombe Welcomes New Mayor & Deputy Mayor

We are pleased to announce that at the Annual Council meeting in May, Cllr Isobel Sharkey was elected as Mayor and Cllr Neil Watts as Deputy Mayor.

Cllr Sharkey has been a councillor for 7 years and has previously served as our Mayor (2019-2021). She will be fundraising for environmental causes and recently took part in a clothes upcycling workshop at PCS. She is hoping to organise a repair café soon. Local groups (charities, community groups, schools etc) will be welcome to request funds to help with their projects.

The Mayor holds monthly bingo sessions at the Civic Centre with the proceeds going to her fundraising pot. She is also intending on holding other fundraising events during the year, so watch this space.

Cllr Watts was co-opted onto the Council in May 2023. He has been a Scout leader for 20 years, a Boys Brigade Captain and Secretary of Telscombe Cliffs Community Church since 1977.



Telscombe Raises the Sussex Day and Armed Forces Day Flags



On Monday 16th June, the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Watts, was pleased to raise the Sussex Day flag to mark Sussex Day, and to declare that “Sussex won’t be druv!”

On Monday 23rd June, Cllr Watts was joined by members of the Royal British Legion, Councillors, staff and residents as he raised the Armed Forces Day flag to mark the beginning of a week of national celebrations leading up to Armed Forces Day on Saturday 28th June. Armed Forces Day is an annual opportunity for members of the public to thank our service personnel and recognises the work that members of the Royal Navy, British Army, and Royal Air Force, as well as Veterans, Cadets and Armed Forces families, all play in keeping the UK safe, at home and abroad.



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



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Planning & Highways -
Chairman - Cllr Cathy Gallagher
Vice Chairman - Cllr Neil Watts
Policy & Resources -
Chairman - Cllr Ciarron Clarkson
Vice Chairman - Cllr Christine Robinson

Telscombe Town Council's Meetings Dates

AUGUST to NOVEMBER 2025	
Planning & Highways	Wed 13th August
Planning & Highways	Wed 3rd September
Grants (sub-committee)	Wed 10th September 6:30pm
Policy & Resources	Wed 10th September
FULL COUNCIL	WED 17th SEPTEMBER
Planning & Highways	Wed 24th September
Amenities & Civic Centre	Wed 1st October
Planning & Highways	Wed 15th October
Planning & Highways	Wed 5th November
Policy & Resources	Wed 12th November
FULL COUNCIL	WED 19th NOVEMBER
Planning & Highways	Wed 26th November

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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.

Other Useful Contact Details

Citizens Advice 03444 111 444

Peacehaven Town Council 01273 595493

East Sussex County Council 0345 608 0190

Chris Ward MP 01273 082531

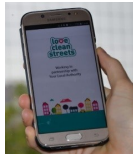
Lewes District Council 01273 471600

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Report property, street and environmental issues in Lewes or Eastbourne, including fly tipping, dog fouling, planning breaches and more via the Report It smartphone app.

<https://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/streets-parking-and-travel/report-it/>



What's On BINGO on the last Friday of the month 7-9pm in the Telscombe Civic Centre. Limited spaces so **booking is essential**. *Proceeds go to the Mayor of Telscombe's Charity fund.*



We will include updates on our website, noticeboards and Facebook page of all upcoming events, which currently include a flag raising for Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September, Macmillan Coffee morning on 25th September, a children's Halloween party on 1st November and a Race Night in November.

To see Council events and classes/events being held at the Civic Centre, scan the QR code which will take you to our website page.

Mayor's Donations 2024/25

Cllr Laurence O'Connor, former Mayor of Telscombe, was pleased to be able to make donations from his charity fundraising as follows:-

£1,045 to Saltdean Primary School, for a School Counsellor and books to support children's mental health.

£1,150 to Saltdean and Rottingdean Youth Club, for running costs and items for a second room, dedicated to young people with social emotional health difficulties and special educational needs.

£500 to Peacehaven Community School, for worry boxes, Mental Health Ambassador badges and a display board to signpost families for support around mental health and wellbeing.

£3,000 to Telscombe Cliffs Academy, to enable them to provide an innovative and pioneering way of reaching children to support their mental health in the digital world we live in.

£380 to Saltdean Swim and Surf, for swim platforms, which mean children can swim out and explore the underwater world from them, enabling further learning and helping encourage them to push themselves and further benefit their mental health and strength in the sea.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Mayor's fundraising events, these donations couldn't happen without your continuing support.



Cllr Laurence O'Connor (right) is pictured with Mr Ediss, headteacher of Telscombe Cliffs Academy

Solar Panel Readings at the Civic Centre:

CO2 saved:- 89,407 Kg Total Energy Generated:- 156,856 Kwh

Total revenue generated since installation:- **£72,885.51**

Readings at date of going to press

To increase recycling, we are looking at changing to alternate weekly collections from November 2025



Lewes District Council (LDC) is looking at moving to fortnightly refuse (black sack waste) collections from November 2025. Recycling collections would stay fortnightly and food waste collections would stay weekly. This system is called 'Alternate Weekly Collections' and would apply to most properties in the district.

Central government has set all councils a target recycling rate of 55% which will increase to 65% by 2035. Because of these

high targets, the council needs to increase the recycling rate in the district. With food waste collections becoming mandatory across the country from 2026, there will likely be an increased national focus on performance in this area, and this is where Lewes district does not perform so well. Most councils in England have already moved to alternate weekly collections, including all other district and borough councils in East Sussex.

Under the proposals, most properties would have their recycling and refuse collections the same day of the week (alternating each week). This would simplify collection calendars, making it easier for residents to know when to put their bins out.

LDC is inviting feedback on the proposals via a survey which is available at: lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/AWC where you can also find more information. It will stay open until 5pm on Monday 8 September. They would like to know what positive and negative impacts changing to Alternate Weekly Collections could have on your household and also what would help you with a change to fortnightly refuse collections. This could include food waste collections, a larger recycling or refuse bin, an extra recycling bin, assisted collections (help putting your bin out), or clinical waste collections (for adult incontinence waste products).

Unlock a world of possibilities at the library

Your local library is not just about what you borrow, it's about what you gain. As well as that familiar sense of calm and a world of books to escape into, it's also a place to connect – to learn something new, bring your little ones for a song, access essential resources, or simply unwind. Whatever your age, whatever your interest, your library has something for you, including:



- Study spaces: Find a quiet spot with computers, printing, scanning, and free wifi. Perfect for students, job seekers, or anyone needing to get things done, your library provides the resources to help you succeed.
- E-library 24/7: Access thousands of e-books, audiobooks, and magazines from anywhere, anytime, straight to your device. Your free digital doorway to endless stories and knowledge is always open.
- Activities for children: From joyful Story Time and Rhyme Time sessions for little ones to exciting initiatives like the Summer Reading Challenge, Lego club, and Homework club for older children, your library offers fantastic free activities designed to spark imagination, encourage reading, and support learning for all ages.
- Community connection: Your library is a welcoming space to connect. Join groups, learn new skills, explore local history, or trace your family history. Discover diverse activities and support for all ages and interests.

Community 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 Council's total annual budget is only £2,500, so you may not get the amount you have requested, depending on the number of applications received.

The application form is available from the Council Office at the Civic Centre. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 10th September and the deadline for applications is Friday 29th August.

Businesses, individuals and political parties are not eligible.

Scan the QR code to take you to our website where you can download the application form and see our Grants Policy for full terms and conditions.



Anti Social Driving and Parking

Anti social driving and parking are becoming an increasing problem on the local roads. Were you aware that if you experience a problem you can report incidents directly? Please see links below:-

Parking issues via East Sussex County Council:-

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/parking/contact-us-about-parking>

Anti-social driving via Operation Crackdown:-

<https://operationcrackdown.org/>

Report abandoned vehicle:-

<https://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/report-an-abandoned-vehicle>

We will continue to monitor this and report incidents as required. Please also see below an article regarding requesting parking restrictions which may aid instances of anti-social parking.

Parking restriction applications

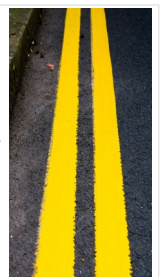
East Sussex County Council are responsible for parking controls and they carry out a parking review every 16-18 months when they consider requests for new controls and changes to existing ones. Requests include double yellow lines, school keep clear markings, disabled bays, bus stop clearways, and footway and verge bans.

All requests are assessed against their priority ranking system. It considers factors such as safety, access, congestion and traffic flow, crash history, the class of the road, local conditions such as nearby shops, schools, or hospitals, demand from local residents and businesses, the nature of the issue and when it occurs, so this information should be included in your application.

In the most recent review of Lewes District, 156 applications were made with only 25 progressing to the next stage. There were 12 requests for parking controls within Telscombe Cliffs and East Saltdean, and only one has been taken forward.

The next review is due in March 2026, but you can start to put your requests in now. Anyone can make a request via the East Sussex County Council website:-

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/parking/parking-reviews/requests-for-parking-restrictions>



Green Corner - Volunteer Sessions & Litter Picking

On Sunday 3rd May, 20 volunteers big and small met in Chatsworth Park for a volunteer session. The volunteers trimmed back plants around benches, swept paths, inspected the mini forest, levelled divots in the car park and collected litter.

The group found an abandoned sofa bed and mattress frame which were disposed of, as well as filling several bags with litter. For their hard work the volunteers were rewarded with a free drink from Wander Coffee and the littlest volunteers received sign certificates from the Mayor of Telscombe.

On Sunday 1st June an amazing 40 volunteers turned out to help. This huge group collected litter and swept paths to keep them open for residents to use, and also cleared back nettles from around the bottom pond to make it easier to see the tadpoles, bugs and birds. A small group of young volunteers entered the mini forest to complete

an inspection where they found caterpillars, spiders and wildflowers.

The group were also joined by unicorn special guests who were out trying to encourage young people to volunteer and engage in their community.

Sunday 6th July was a muggy day after several hot days and a downpouring of rain overnight. A group of smiling volunteers met to collect several bags of litter from the park. They also swept some of the paths clear and dug out the drainage ditches.

With the recent dry weather, the ponds had dried out which was a great opportunity to clear some debris out and cut

back some of the extensive growth. This opens the ponds up more for residents to see but reducing the plant growth reduces evapotranspiration which will help the ponds hold on to more water. Despite the lack of water, the ponds were both alive with all sorts of interesting creepy crawlies. Some of the spare plants from the bottom pond were replanted in the top pond to create additional habitat.

The mini forest was inspected by a group of young volunteers and an oak sapling which had started to grow in the central path was relocated back to the main planting. For their hard work, the volunteers were rewarded with a free drink from Wander Coffee and the littlest volunteers received signed certificates from the Mayor of Telscombe.

A very big thank you to everyone who has come along and helped. If you fancy joining us, we meet on the first Sunday of the month at 11am in the car park by Wander Coffee.

Improvements to bus stops in Telscombe Cliffs

Alec Horner, Secretary of Telscombe Residents Association, worked with East Sussex County Councillor Christine Robinson and Lewes District Councillor Ian Alexander to get improvements to the bus stop facilities at the bottom of Telscombe Cliffs Way, including new hard standing, a Real Time Information sign and a litter bin. Improvements have been made to four other bus stops in Telscombe Cliffs, whilst others are scheduled to be included in for future schemes.



Metal Detecting Prohibited - what you need to know

We would like to remind members of the public that metal detecting of any kind is **strictly prohibited** on Council owned land.

That includes **Telscombe Tye** which is registered common land and **Chatsworth Park** as well as all other areas owned by the Council. If you are in doubt, contact us beforehand.

Thank you for your co-operation.

New Co-opted Councillor

At the full Council meeting on 14th May, Columbus Ndeloa was co-opted onto the Council.

We look forward to his input into the Council during his term of office which will end in May 2027.



 THE JOFF YOUTH HUB
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Tuesday 9th September

3:15PM TO 7PM

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Peacehaven,
BN10 8BL

Scan to add to your calendar!



EHyouthhubs@eastsussex.gov.uk



Advice from Neighbourhood Watch

SCAMS - All scams, whether telephone, or email are becoming increasingly sophisticated.

We are continually receiving reports from our members. We must keep one step ahead of the scammers! Please remember never give any personal information over the phone. Banks and Police will never ask for personal information. If something seems too good to be true, then it usually is.

To keep up to date with the latest scams to watch out for and tips to keep you safe, guidance on how to report different types of scams and what to do straight away, then Which? emails can alert you to scams doing the round. For this information we recommend that you sign up for the FREE Scam Alerts emails and join Which? Scam Action <https://www.which.co.uk/consumer-rights/scams>

ATMS - There have been reports of ATM machines being tampered with, so take note of the following:

- Always look carefully to see if there is anything amiss.
- If it doesn't look right, steer clear and do not use.
- Before using an ATM, it is a good idea to scan the area around you.
- Be aware of anyone standing close by.
- Keep a regular check on your transactions.
- Before leaving the ATM, put your money and card away safely.



Food Collection at the Telscombe Civic Centre

We are now collecting for the Sussex Community Development Association (SCDA) which means everything donated to us will be passed to the Peacehaven Community Supermarket. The supermarket is based on pay as you feel, with you deciding how much to pay based on what you can contribute. However, some foods may have a minimum price. It is open on Thursdays from 11am to 1.30pm at the Meridian Centre.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

@HAVENS COMMUNITY HUB



Havens Community Hub are looking for volunteers to support the community!

Could you spare an hour a week to collect surplus food for Havens Food Cooperative?









Or spend some time in the Havens Connections Café, cooking up meals using surplus food?



For more info, please email havenscommunityhub@gmail.com



CAN YOU HELP WITH A DONATION? REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1094905

	TINNED VEGETABLES AND TINNED FRUIT Chopped tomatoes, beans, chickpeas, peaches and other fruit
	SAUCES AND SOUPS Cooking sauces Tinned vegetable soup
	RICE & CEREAL & TINNED PASTA Bags of rice Boxes of breakfast cereal Oats Tinned macaroni cheese
	TINNED MEAT AND TINNED FISH Tinned tuna or sardines, meatballs, chicken, hotdogs or ham
	HYGIENE PRODUCTS Soap, shampoo, shower gel Nappies (larger sizes) Toilet Roll, sanitary towels & incontinence pads
	CLEANING PRODUCTS Anything is appreciated!

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