

# TELSCOMBE TOWN CRIER NEWSLETTER



*News & information from Telscombe Town Council*

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## **Get Involved – Saltdean Needs You!**

Saltdean is a special place to live, and the Saltdean Residents & Community Association (SRCA) exists to keep it that way. As a community organisation run entirely by volunteers, everything we do depends on the time, energy, and enthusiasm of local residents just like you. If you care about Saltdean and want to help shape its future, we'd love to hear from you.



### **What We've Been Up To**

It's been a busy year! We commissioned and installed new planters along Lustrells Vale, brightening up the local streets and refurbished the benches at Harmony Garden so everyone can enjoy this lovely green space. We made our community beach chalet available to Saltdean residents, bringing neighbours together by the sea. We also sponsored two of Saltdean's best-loved annual events – Picnic in the Park and Saltdean Swims @ The Lido – and made a donation to Saltdean's Bird and Gull Rescue Project. A bit further afield we funded benches and planted new trees in Chatsworth Park.

### **What's Coming Next**

We have big plans for the rest of 2026. As well as continuing work on most of the above, we will be working to regenerate Longridge Avenue and improve Oval Park. We are hoping to create a permanent Community Hub that could house the Food Bank and a new Library of Things – where people can borrow (rather than buy), DIY equipment etc. We're also setting up a new group called Pebble Dashers – to help clear away stones thrown up during storms on the undercliff path.

### **How You Can Help**

Whether you have a few hours a month or want to get more involved, there's a role for you. No experience is necessary – just a love of Saltdean and a willingness to chip in.

**Get in touch:** [saltdeancommunitycharity@gmail.com](mailto:saltdeancommunitycharity@gmail.com)  
07417 504886 **Find out more:** [www.saltdeanonline.org.uk](http://www.saltdeanonline.org.uk)

## **Neighbourhood Plan Update**

A referendum will be held on Thursday 7th May 2026 to decide on the question below:-  
'Do you want Lewes District Council and the South Downs National Park Authority to use the Neighbourhood Development Plan for Peacehaven and Telscombe to help them decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'

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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**

**MAY TO AUGUST 2026**

Policy & Resources	Wed 6th May
Planning & Highways	Wed 13th May
<b>ANNUAL COUNCIL</b>	<b>WED 20th MAY</b>
Amenities & Civic Centre	Wed 27th May
Planning & Highways	Wed 3rd June
Planning & Highways	Wed 24th June
Policy & Resources	Wed 8th July
Planning & Highways	Wed 15th July
<b>FULL COUNCIL</b>	<b>WED 22nd JULY</b>
Amenities & Civic Centre	Wed 29th July
Planning & Highways	Wed 5th August
Planning & Highways	Wed 26th August

**Councillors Telscombe Cliffs Ward:-**

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**County Councillor for Telscombe:-**

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



## Grass Verge Cutting

Grass cutting on highways is primarily about safety. East Sussex County Council's (ESCC's) key aims are to maintain visibility at junctions and bends, keep footways and sightlines clear, reduce risks to road users and pedestrians, and maintain overall height and stop the encroachment of invasive and persistent weeds. Their standard service is to carry out 2 cuts per year primarily for road safety, but Telscombe Town Council pay for an additional two cuts per year and has appointed its own contractor. Cutting takes place between April and November and the cuttings are not collected, instead they're left to mulch naturally, which reduces costs and environmental impact. Only cuttings from Wildlife Verges are collected.

There are three types of verges within East Saltdean and Telscombe Cliffs: Urban, Wildlife (contain notable species or an abundance of species, thereby dictating a specific habitat) and Meadow (tend to be near to areas of higher biodiversity value, such as wildlife verges, or where the species present or habitat dictates that this status is most suitable).

It is important to note that not all grass is highway adopted land - some areas are privately owned or maintained by others and are not included in the grass-cutting programme (for example, the housing estate at the top of Central Avenue is maintained by Lewes District Council).

Weed growth can create a trip hazard and weed spraying is carried out once a year on pavements and along the edge of the road, usually during the summer months and only in suitable weather conditions, using a herbicide which has been nationally approved as safe for use.

Where grass growth causes a specific safety issue, such as obstructed visibility at a junction or a trip hazard on a footway, these should be reported via the East Sussex Highways website so they can be assessed and prioritised - scan the QR code:-



In an emergency, you can call East Sussex Highways on 0345 60 80 193, otherwise you can report problems online using the QR code.



**NHS**

### Need urgent dental treatment?

Contact  
Sussex Dental  
Helpline:

**0300 123 1663**

Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm

Outside of these hours please call NHS 111



If you or your child need urgent and unscheduled dental care and do not have a regular dentist, help is available. Call the Sussex Dental Helpline on:-  
**0300 123 1663**

## STAY AWAY FROM CLIFF EDGES AND BASES

East Sussex County Council



### EDGES CAN COLLAPSE WITHOUT WARNING

## Telscombe Tye – Important Notice for Dog Walkers

We kindly remind all dog walkers to follow the signage displayed around Telscombe Tye.

Between 1st March and 31st July, dogs must be kept on leads no longer than 2 metres to help protect vulnerable ground-nesting birds during their breeding season. This requirement is part of the Countryside Code and helps ensure the safety of local wildlife.

As lambing season is now also upon us, it is especially important to keep dogs under close control around grazing animals.

These measures are in place to protect wildlife and may be supported by local enforcement where necessary. Disturbance or harm to wildlife can lead to more serious consequences under wildlife protection laws.

Please also remember to dispose of dog waste responsibly in the public bins provided or take it home and put it in your household waste.



## fly-tipping IS A CRIME

YOU COULD FACE A  
**£50,000 fine**  
or 12 months in prison

IF YOU SEE IT, REPORT IT

CALL 01273 471600  
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VISIT [www.lewes.gov.uk/flytipping](http://www.lewes.gov.uk/flytipping)

We investigate ALL  
cases of fly-tipping



Fly tipping takes on many shapes and forms. Were you aware that it includes the dumping of garden refuse, including grass cuttings and vegetation/branches? Not many people would assume they are doing something illegal because they think its 'green' and not 'rubbish'.

We therefore ask that residents do not dispose of any form of garden waste anywhere in Chatsworth Park, the Copse or Telscombe Tye, or any other form of rubbish.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Recycling Right

Food and drink cartons can now be placed directly into your household recycling bin. This includes all Tetra Pak-style cartons commonly used for products such as milk, juice, soups, plant-based drinks and a wide range of pantry staples. **Recycling right means knowing what can and can't be recycled. It can be very confusing!**

Just remember, **keep it clean, dry and loose.**

- Clean - no food left in jars, tins, yoghurt pots or meat trays
- Dry - empty liquids from bottles, no wet paper or card
- Loose - put items straight into the bin, not in black bin bags

Unlike many other household items, batteries cannot be placed in either your waste or recycling bin at home as they can lead to fires in the waste collection vehicles. They must be taken to the tip, or to any of the local supermarkets which will take them from you.



## ***Green Corner - Volunteer Sessions & Litter Picking***

Sunday 1st Feb was another wet volunteer session, so sticking with the theme of being soaking wet the session was used to focus on the ponds. Claire, our resident pond expert, gave the ponds some TLC whilst other volunteers secured the fence posts and cleared the ditches which funnel water from the paths towards the ponds.

We took a closer look at the Willow classroom the volunteers installed in November and were pleased to see buds on every whip which means each plant is alive and growing.

Fourteen awesome volunteers braved the rain with us. We swept paths, cleared ditches and picked litter. The group removed three huge bags of rubbish and spent some time discussing what future work we would like to do.



On Sunday 1st March, nine volunteers came out despite the terrible rain but despite being pretty wet to start, it soon dried up. The volunteers gave the park a pre-spring clean by washing the wildflower information boards and tidying up the mini forest with an inspection and a trim of the grass.

The park is looking great for the upcoming warm weather and both ponds have frog spawn which is a great sign about their health. The volunteers also cleared drainage ditches and picked 4 bags of litter.

April saw another Brilliant volunteer session in Chatsworth Park, with 18 awesome volunteers coming out in the sunshine and bird song to help out in the park.

The volunteers collected four bags of litter and collected wood to extend one of the log pile habitats. This session was the first maintenance on the Willow classroom. Twice a year it will need a haircut to encourage it to grow into the gaps so it fills out without becoming too tall. Two amazing volunteers topped up the bottom pond which had started to get low and they were rewarded with the sighting of a frog.

Last year the Council successfully applied for a grant from the International Tree Foundation for hedge planting along the fence line of the Tye adjacent to the South Coast Road. Planting was carried out over the weekend of 14th/15th March and we would like to thank all our wonderful volunteers for their hard work helping to plant our insect superhighway on the Tye. We planted over 1,000 native coastal hedge plants, such as Sea Buckthorn and dog rose, on the road side of the fence, to protect them from the sheep.

## ***Telscombe Cliffs Community Church***

A big thank you is due to the members of Telscombe Cliffs Community Church, who had a food collection during Lent and then kindly donated it to the Peacehaven Community Supermarket. Their Easter Service was a joyful celebration, complete with home-made Easter headwear.

Peacehaven Community Supermarket can be found in the Meridian Centre and is open on Thursdays from 10:30am-12:30pm.



## 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 2nd September and the deadline for applications is Friday 21st 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.



## Keep Your Home Safe This Spring



Did you know the Sussex Police website hosts a library of crime prevention advice that residents can use to help keep their property secure?

Offering practical guidance on everything from doors & window security to protecting gardens

sheds and garages, as well as advice on alarms, lights and other simple steps to reduce opportunities for burglars.

## Staff Changes

We were sorry to say goodbye to our former Caretaker, Mick Evans, and thank him for his service to the Council. At the same time, we are pleased to welcome Tony Emery to the team as our new Caretaker (*photo below*). Tony will ensure the Civic Centre is clean, tidy, and well-prepared for all hirers. He will also help maintain high standards of health and safety, ensuring the building remains a safe and welcoming environment for everyone who uses it. We are delighted to have Tony on board and wish him every success in his new role.



## Solar Panel Readings at the Civic Centre:

CO2 saved:-

**93,030 Kg**

Total Energy

Generated:-

**163,211 Kwh**

Total revenue generated since installation:-

**£77,656.33**

*Readings at date of going to press*

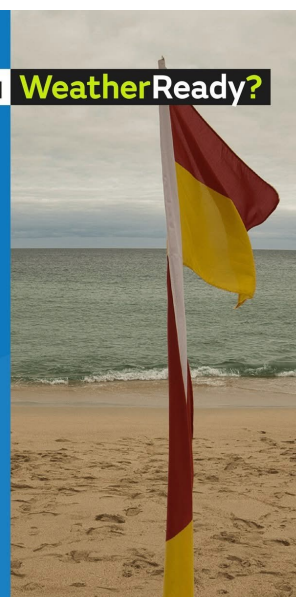
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Are you **WeatherReady?**


## Stay safe if enjoying inland or coastal waters

- Check the water temperature before jumping in, it can still be very cold even on a hot day
- Wear a wetsuit if you plan on spending any length of time in the water
- Stay together, never swim alone
- In an emergency call 999, ask for the Coastguard if at the coast









## Food Collection for SCDA at the Telscombe Civic Centre

We are now collecting for the SCDA which means everything donated to us will be passed to the Peacehaven Community Supermarket.

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

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

## Telscombe Residents' Association



If you're interested in our local community issues, you're welcome to come along to our general meetings which are held at 1900 hours on the first Thursday of alternate months in room 1 at Telscombe Civic Centre. The remaining dates for our 2026 meetings are Thursdays 4th June, 6th August, 8th October and 3rd December.

Further details and the agenda for each meeting will be posted on our Facebook page. Scan the QR code to visit our website [www.telscomberesidents.org.uk](http://www.telscomberesidents.org.uk) or email our Secretary at

[sec@telscomberesidents.org.uk](mailto:sec@telscomberesidents.org.uk)

*Alec Horner*  
Secretary

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