

TELSCOMBE TOWN CRIER NEWSLETTER



News & information from Telscombe Town Council

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New Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Telscombe

We are pleased to announce that at the Annual Council meeting in May, Cllr Cathy Gallagher was elected as Mayor and Cllr Neil Watts as Deputy Mayor (*see photo below*).

Cllr Gallagher has been a Town Councillor for 7 years and has been Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and instrumental in seeing it through to Referendum, as well as Chair of the Planning & Highways Committee. Her consort is her husband, Fergal Gallagher.



She said “It is with pride and humility I introduce myself to you as your Mayor and Chair of Telscombe Town Council for the 2026/2027 term of office.

I moved to Telscombe Town in 1990 and live in East Saltdean . I consider myself very fortunate to live in an area with grass verges surrounded by the South Downs National Park and open seas.

My determination is to protect Telscombe Town so that future generations can enjoy the peace and beauty which surrounds us.

I became a Councillor in 2019 at both Telscombe Town Council and Peacehaven Town Council

and have dedicated the last decade to the Peacehaven and Telscombe Neighbourhood Development Plan which finally became a legal document in May 2026.

Now I have a new ambition to enjoy the people and community I live amongst. As Mayor I will be a champion and spokesperson for this wonderful and unique Town. Through the Mayor’s Charity I will be supporting children and youth. I particularly wish to support young talent, to showcase and develop skills particularly in the arts, music and creativity bringing happiness and self-confidence building skills. For my charity fundraising, I will support Boomerang Kids, a nursery school based in Saltdean, and Develop Outdoors, which runs multiple out of school opportunities for young people with a Forest School in Telscombe Cliffs.”

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.

The Council wishes them well in their term of office. The Mayor’s fundraising events will be advertised on our website.

Contents:- Cllr Contact Details; Meeting dates; Town Clerk Meets The Queen; Summer Fayre; Bus timetable changes; Peacehaven & Telscombe Bowls Club; Green Corner; Neighbourhood Watch safety advice; Community Grants; Mayor’s Donations; Adverts

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



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Amenities/Civic Centre -

Chairman - Cllr Laurence O'Connor

Vice Chairman - Cllr Christine Robinson

Planning & Highways -

Chairman - Cllr Cathy Gallagher

Vice Chairman - Cllr Neil Watts

Policy & Resources -

Chairman - Cllr Ciarron Clarkson

Vice Chairman - Cllr Michele Lawrie

**Telscombe Town Council's
Meetings Dates**

AUGUST TO NOVEMBER 2026

Planning & Highways	Wed 5th August
Planning & Highways	Wed 26th August
Grants (sub-committee)	Wed 2nd September 6:30pm
Policy & Resources	Wed 2nd September
Planning & Highways	Wed 16th September
FULL COUNCIL	WED 23rd SEPTEMBER
Amenities & Civic Centre	Wed 30th September
Planning & Highways	Wed 7th October
Planning & Highways	Wed 28th October
Policy & Resources	Wed 4th November
FULL COUNCIL	WED 11th NOVEMBER
Planning & Highways	Wed 18th November
Amenities & Civic Centre	Wed 25th November

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County Councillor for Telscombe:-

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

Cllr Stephen Chapman

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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.

Town Clerk Meets The Queen

Stella Newman, Town Clerk of Telscombe Town Council, recently had the honour of attending a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in recognition of her long and dedicated service to the local community.



Reflecting on the occasion, Stella described it as a privilege and a truly memorable experience, made even more special when Her Majesty Queen Camilla took the time to speak with her personally and shake her hand. She said 'It is a day I will remember forever and am honoured to have been nominated.'

Stella was nominated in recognition of more than 22 years of outstanding service to Telscombe Town Council. Throughout her time as Town Clerk, she has played a pivotal role in overseeing the Council's activities and supporting the delivery of services for the benefit of residents. In the period from 2017 the Mayor's fund has

raised over £30,000 for local charitable causes. Stella and her husband Stan have organised and run fund raising activities to raise this money voluntarily. Most importantly Stella has done the preparation and Stan has been the bingo caller at monthly bingo nights which are attended by 40-60 people. These have been a tremendous success and community event which has benefitted the charitable causes it supports.

Well done from all the Councillors to Stella & Stan Newman, they so deserve this honour.

Other Useful Contact Details

Citizens Advice 03444 111 444

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Summer fayre success

Despite the hot summer sunshine, a refreshing breeze provided welcome relief as we hosted another successful Summer Fayre in the beautiful surroundings of Chatsworth Park. The Mayor of Telscombe Town Council, Cllr Cathy Gallagher, officially opened the event and welcomed invited dignitaries to her hospitality tent. A sincere thank you goes to the Telscombe Town Councillors and staff who volunteered throughout the day.

The support, enthusiasm and generosity from those who attended helped make the Summer Fayre a wonderful community event, enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. We were entertained in the arena by Rising Stars Singing, LCAS School of Theatre Arts, Hayden Dance School, Wild Earth Drummers and Harlequin Dance Studios.



**Summer Fayre
11th July 2026**



We would like to thank our stallholders, entertainers, everyone who attended and the local businesses and organisations that generously donated funds and raffle prizes as follows:-

Ace Landscapes,
Advice 4 Business,
Light Design Service,
Cielo Cakery, Cllrs
Christine Robinson and
Ciarron Clarkson,
Jayne Calway-Vale
(Calway's Toy Shop),
Lily's – Bespoke
Floristry by Lucy,
Newhaven & Seaford
Sea Cadets,
Newhaven Rotary Club,
Northstar IT,
Peacehaven & District
Chamber of Commerce,
Orange Beach Bar,
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Peacehaven Players,
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Rebecca Woolven,
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Technology Saints,
The Mewes Vets,
Wander Coffee,
Wayne Coneley,
The Yemeni Coffee Co,
Yeomans Toyota and
Yvette Ferguson.

*We are pleased to share just some of the photos taken by Stan Newman
our official photographer*

The raffle was in aid of the Mayor of Telscombe's charity fund which is supporting Boomerang Kids and Develop Outdoors and raised an amazing £278.

What's On

Bingo takes place on the last Friday of the month from 7-9pm in Telscombe Civic Centre. We have limited spaces so **booking is essential** to avoid disappointment. This is a Mayor's

fundraising event.

We will include updates on our website, noticeboards and Facebook page of all upcoming events.

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



Bus Timetable Changes

Brighton and Hove buses are introducing changes to bus services from 19th July to the following services:- **11X; 12/12A/12X/N12; 13X; 14/14A/14B/14C/N14, 23, 27/27C**

Full details can be found by clicking on the QR code opposite



Prohibited Activities on Telscombe Tye

Just a reminder that there are several activities that the Council does not allow on Telscombe Tye, which includes the **flying of model aircraft or drones**, as well as hang gliding & kite boarding/kite surfing/power kiting; metal detecting; golf; camping and lighting fires; livestock worrying; hunting and use of firearms, shotguns & air weapons to name a few. If you are unsure about an activity, please contact the Town Council office on 01273 589777 to check if an activity is allowed. Further details can be found on our website by clicking on the QR code



Peacehaven & Telscombe Bowls Club

The outdoor bowls season is slowly, and regrettably, coming to a close. The end of the season will be the end of September.

Do not despair because the Peacehaven and Telscombe Bowls Club has an indoor facility where we play, between October and April, Short Mat Bowls.

Over the last couple of years the sport has increased in popularity and we hold several sessions each week in the mornings, afternoons and evenings.

We welcome bowlers of all standards from novices to experienced players so those of you who have been playing outdoors can keep your eye in and continue playing during the winter.

We are a very friendly Club and have a full programme of outdoor matches between April and September against other local Clubs, as well as playing in local leagues and various other competitions. A limited number of Short Mat Bowls matches are played between October and March, mainly because other Clubs are unable to accommodate the sport.

On 27th September we are holding an Open Day so why not come along and have a go. Although it is the end of the outdoor season, there will be an opportunity to have a go on the outdoor green.

For further information nearer the time about the Open Day, have a look at our website, Peacehavenbowlsclub.com, where you will find a mass of information about the Club, or contact the Bowls Secretary on 07710931761 for further information.

The Club is situated at the entrance to the Centenary Park (Big Park) in Piddinghoe Avenue, BN10 8RJ



Green Corner - Volunteer Sessions & Litter Picking

Another fantastic volunteer session took place in Chatsworth Park on Sunday 3rd May. Ten bags of litter were collected, paths were cleared and the Willow classroom was trimmed.

Despite rain overnight it was a beautiful day to be out in the sun. Special thanks to Cllr Laurence O'Connor who repaired the fence around the top pond and Allan who cut back the growth around two benches, meaning they could be used again.



Following the wet and windy weather at the end of May, 22 amazing volunteers were delighted to see beautiful warm sunshine. They collected 7 bags of litter, swept paths and added to the log pile habitats. They even found and removed an old bike left in the park.

On a beautiful sunny Sunday 5th July, 13 awesome volunteers abstained from the beach and the sea and gave 2 hours of their precious time to tidy the park, where they collected litter, cleared drainage ditches, replaced lost and damaged signs and collected tonnes of wood to line the newly planned wood chip path.

Many thanks to George, Sarah, Chris, James, Phoebe, Alice, Geraldine, Philip, Claire, Martyn, Malcolm, Kim, Barney, Alfred Ally, Jimmy, Lisa, Lola, Verity, Allan, Christine, Pat, Stu, Ren, Nell, Cecily, Louise, Martin, Zoe, Dominic, Niki, Anita, Al, James and Cllrs Laurence O'Connor and Ciarron Clarkson for their hard work.

Safety Advice from Saltdean, Rottingdean & Ovingdean Neighbourhood Watch

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BURGLARIES - Unfortunately we have seen a slight increase in the number of burglaries over the last couple of months. Please remember to report any incidents to the Police not just on Facebook as this may warn people but the Police can only act on actual reports. Deterrent is the best action. There is a lot you can do – install CCTV, house alarms, sensor lighting, timer switches when your house is empty, make sure ALL doors and windows are locked and secure, keep hedges etc trimmed so criminals cannot hide. For more information go to the Police website - www.sussex.police.uk

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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.



Telscombe Raises the Sussex Day and Armed Forces Day Flags

On Tuesday 16th June, the Mayor, Cllr Gallagher, was pleased to raise the Sussex Day flag to mark Sussex Day and to declare that "Sussex won't be druv!" She was accompanied by her consort, Fergal Gallagher. Sussex Day honours the area's rich heritage, culture, and traditions, coinciding with the feast day of St Richard of Chichester, the patron saint of Sussex.



On Monday 22nd June, we raised the Armed Forces Day flag to mark the beginning of a week of national celebrations leading up to Armed Forces Day on Saturday 27th 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.



Mayor's donations

The outgoing Mayor, Cllr Isobel Sharkey, made donations from her fundraising activities to The Joff Youth Club - £1,300 for raised planters for growing vegetables and towards a shelter with solar panels to enable young people to make more use of the outside area; South Coast Sussex Gull Advice/Resource Network (SCARN) - £500 for running costs to enable the group to rescue and rehabilitate injured gulls; Peacehaven Community School - £676.73 For wildlife camera & binoculars to enable students to monitor the wildlife around the school and tree guards to protect some trees recently planted; Develop Outdoors CIC - £755 For a Bokashi Bin and Jora composter to turn food waste into usable soil for their vegetable growing project by the new poly tunnel and finally to SNEEK CIC (Sustainability, Nature, Environment, Education, Knowledge) - £359 For swift boxes and their installation at the Joff for the benefit of the young people who are involved in the project - and the swifts!

Solar Panel Readings at the Civic Centre:

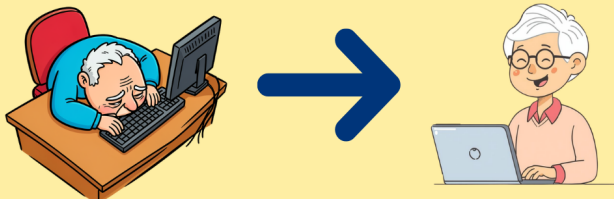
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