



Summer 2019 Newsletter

HAYWARDS HEATH
TOWN COUNCIL

TO SERVE THE PEOPLE WELL

Mayor's Message



As your New Mayor I'd like to introduce myself to you and begin by saying what an honour it is to serve the Town of Haywards Heath. Firstly, I would like to thank Cllr. Jim Knight for his last two years as Mayor. He has left a real legacy for the Town and I look forward to continuing his good work.

As you may know, I live in Bolnore with my wife and two children and have been a resident in Haywards Heath for the past 16 years. Prior to this I was at Hurst College

for five years, so I have had links with Haywards Heath and Mid Sussex for most of my life. In Bolnore I've been involved in the foundation of the Primary School and I also Chair the Bolnore Village Community Partnership, the charity that runs the Woodside Community Centre.

Over the last few years I've realised that community is a fundamental part of where we live and belong, so one of my 'strategies' will be to promote volunteering within our community and raise awareness of our fantastic community groups in the Town.

Since becoming Mayor in May, I've already had many engagements and met lots of new faces and amazing people. I've opened the first Rathayatra Chariot Race to be held in our Town, started work with the Lions and Rotary Clubs on a volunteering awareness strategy and given out prizes at the 'It's a Knockout' day, run by the Lions for mentally and

physically disabled people locally – a truly humbling and inspirational experience. The Orchards has also hosted some great Community events which many groups, schools and orchestras have performed at, so thanks to Nicola and Ruth for working so hard and bringing so many people together for these great events.

Looking forward, we continue our Haywards Heath litter picks throughout the Town so please do get involved. In July we had the judges around from South & South East IN BLOOM to view the Town and we hope they will be impressed with the work we all do keeping the Town looking amazing. I'd like to mention the Town Council grounds team who work tirelessly for us all by managing the floral displays and trees around the Town for us all to enjoy. Without them Haywards Heath would be a very different place.

I have decided to support two charities for my term of office: Time 4 Children and Grove Garden. Both are local charities based in Haywards Heath. Time 4 Children is a vital local charity for our children and you can find out more about this charity on page 2 of this newsletter. Grove Garden is a community space in its infancy, adjacent to Clair Park. I want to re-engage Haywards Heath with this space and create a place for residents living in the Town and surrounding areas to enjoy - so watch this space.....

Lastly, I'd like to thank the Town Council team, who work hard behind the scenes, for all the work they continue to do for the Town. Town Day promises to be an amazing event for all the family and I very much look forward to seeing you all there!

Cllr Alastair McPherson
Haywards Heath Town Mayor

Haywards Heath Town Day Gets Bigger!

Saturday 7th September – 12pm to 7pm

Haywards Heath Town Day will once again be staged in Victoria Park and this year the event has been extended to finish at 7pm, where we will be welcoming two local bands to entertain you through the late afternoon/early evening – the 100 Monkeys and Quo-Caine!

Stunt riders from the amazing IMPS Motorcycle Display Team will perform twice throughout the day and the event will be packed with exciting activities for all ages. Stalls, a digger show, fairground rides, miniature railway and the wonderful Mewes Dog show – Why not come early and enjoy the 'happy hour' prices at the fairground for the first hour too!

There will be a host of performers, street food, a beer tent, a prosecco van and The Beetlej Juice Cocktail Bar. Please come and enjoy our Summer Festival atmosphere – everyone is welcome.



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Twinning News

Café Bonstein at Town Day 2019

Café Bonstein makes its welcome return to Town Day on 7 September. Run by the Haywards Heath Twinning Association, the pop-up Café takes its name from our twin towns: Bondues in France and Traunstein in Germany. The Café's reputation for scrumptious home baked cakes continues to grow. Last year queues were seen formed outside the marquee.



Oathall Community College students will be back again to practise their French and German languages skills. They are sure to impress customers as they serve teas and coffees, and of course cake!

Visitors to Victoria Park on Town Day are sure to find a warm welcome at Café Bonstein and savour the continental café experience.

Merci beaucoup/ Au revoir/ Danke schoen/Auf Wiedersehen!
See you there!

Festival of Hope – Caring for Creation

A Free Event running alongside Town Day!



St Wilfrid's Church is running its second free exhibition to coincide with Town Day in Haywards Heath. The theme for this year's Festival of Hope is 'Caring for Creation' and will celebrate local

initiatives towards environmental community-based projects and craftsmanship of local people.

The non-commercial exhibition will be held on 7th September at St Wilfrid's Church opposite Victoria Park, the venue of Town Day, and will run from 11am-5pm. Please pop in and see the work of talented local people on display or, if you would like to display a project, please call St Wilfrid's on 01444 440084 or email: admin@stwilfridshaywardsheath.org.uk

Town Councillors become Dementia Friends



As part of our commitment to becoming a Dementia Friendly Town, Haywards Heath Town Councillors are undergoing a series of Dementia Friendly training sessions to help them better understand Dementia and how they can support people affected by this. The Mayor has encouraged Councillors to get on board with this and wants to go into schools in the Town to help our young people better understand this condition and learn how to communicate and help people they encounter affected by Dementia.

The Dementia Friends sessions were run by the Haywards Heath Dementia Action Alliance (HHDA) who support people in Haywards Heath living with Dementia and those who support them. For more information on the HHDA, please view the Dementia Friendly Section of the Town Council website www.haywardsheath.gov.uk

The HHDA will be at Town Day providing information and advice on Dementia, Dementia Friendly Training and resources that are available locally – They would be delighted to meet you.

About the Mayor's Charity



Time 4 Children is a local charity which aims to help increase the emotional well-being of children between the ages of 4

and 12 in Mid Sussex. By giving weekly one-to-one sessions of Emotional Listening Support, children can explore their worries, thoughts, feelings or experiences with trained volunteer practitioners. Children generally have between 15 and 20 sessions of support each.

Vicky Chalmers MBE, Founder of Time 4 Children said, "Listening to a child, giving them 'time and a safe space' to explore their feelings at their own pace without any pressure or asking them questions can make such a difference to children's emotional well-being. We know our support can have a lasting impact on a child building emotional resilience, self-esteem and self-confidence. Twelve years after supporting 10 year old Anna, she wrote to us saying, I don't know if you remember me but I want to say thank you for everything you did for me. I don't know where I would be now if it wasn't for Time 4 Children."

Time 4 Children are currently recruiting for their next Volunteer Training Course, which begins in October. They also have several fundraising events planned this summer, including a Trustee walking the 100 miles Ultra South Coast Challenge.

To find out more about Time 4 Children, please call on 01444 440547, Email: office@time4children.org.uk Website: time4children.org.uk



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Haywards Heath Town Council turns its attention to our ENVIRONMENT

'I love Haywards Heath's Environment'



Your Town Council is committed to transforming Haywards Heath into a cleaner and greener Town to make Haywards Heath a more prosperous and enjoyable place to live and work. The Town Council is working hard to insert a green thread(s) into all of its activities and policies, which are deliverable and within the Town Council's powers and remit. To support this commitment, the Town Council will seek advice from and the support of Mid Sussex District Council and West Sussex County Council, along with regional and national bodies.

The Town Council will be developing a Green Policy and established an Environmental Working Group over twelve months ago, which reports to the Environment and General Purposes Committee. The Working Group has agreed high level project areas using the following grouping under the banner of 'I love Haywards Heath's Environment'.

- a) Transport and Travel - electric cars, electric bikes, buses, taxi usage
- b) Green Environment - South Road trees, tree planting, planters, grass verges
- c) Rubbish - cigarette butts, chewing gum, litter, dog waste, plastic packaging
- d) Utilities – grey water use, air quality testing
- e) TC services and Town Hall - Town Council services and land holdings, solar panels. Setting the standard.

The Town Council has already agreed that it cannot ignore the issue of global climate change and will look to consider a declaration at an appropriate time after further thought.

The Green Policy will act as a statement on what the Town Council can realistically achieve through projects/initiatives, what remit it has to lead/signpost/educate its community and understand its lobbying powers both locally and nationally. Where the Town Council can start to make a difference is with simple projects and the promotion of schemes that include:

PAVEMENTS ARE FOR PEOPLE: This campaign, launched over three years ago, promotes considerate parking to enable access along footpaths and to protect our highways verges. Leaflets for distribution are available at the Town Hall.



THREE PIECES OF LITTER' PICK UP: The Town Council urges you to do your bit and adopt its 3 Pieces of Litter initiative when you are out and about in our parks or green spaces. If everyone played their part it would greatly enhance the Town's environment. This links in with the 'POST CODE LITTER PICKS' which are undertaken in the Town.



MILK BOTTLE TOPS FOR CHARITY: The Town Council is happy to collect your bottle tops at the Town Hall and they can be recycled and the proceeds donated to the Mayor's charity.

SOUTH ROAD TREES PROJECT: The trees are starting to establish themselves and are now a feature of South Road. The Town Council has a formal plan to maintain the trees and a sinking fund for any issues that may arise along with an 'exit strategy' to move the trees to a more appropriate location when fully established in the years to come. At that point there will be the resources and funding to replace the trees and start the project again to ensure the continual greening of our Town.





Memory Moments Café Dates

The Memory Moments Cafes in Haywards Heath are held monthly in St Richards Church on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. These welcoming informal cafes have tea, coffees and cakes, plus fun, laughter, music and games. The dates of the next few cafes are provided below.

Saturday Cafes

- 7th September*
- 5th October
- 2nd November

Tuesday Cafes

- 17th September
- 22nd October
- 19th November

* Please note the 7th September Café will take place in Victoria Park

Everyone welcome, especially those with memory difficulties and their supporters.

For more information please contact Know Dementia:
Telephone: 01273 494300 Email: info@knowdementia.co.uk
or visit our website: www.knowdementia.co.uk

The Mid Sussex Cycle Forum wants to hear from you at Town Day!



Mid Sussex Cycle Forum is a group whose shared purpose is to improve cycling opportunities for everyone in Mid Sussex.

This includes promoting safe cycling, identifying new routes and cycling

opportunities and lobbying relevant bodies to improve the overall 'cycling experience' in Mid Sussex'

We will be hoping to capture any ideas and views from residents on the day that they have about improving cycling in Haywards Heath. Please pop by and talk to us at Town Day in Victoria Park!

Your Town Councillors - how to get in touch

Ashenground Ward

Cllr Richard Bates (LIB) : West Corner, Lowfield Rd, HH, RH16 4DW : Tel: 01444 452092
Cllr Stephanie Ingelsfield (LIB) : 41 Cedar Avenue, HH, RH16 4UQ : Tel: 07780 456316
Cllr Sujan Wickremaratchi (CON) : 14 Colwell Close, HH, RH16 4HF : Tel: 07968 179083

Bentswood Ward

Cllr Clare Cheney (CON) : 26 Greenways, HH, RH16 2DT : Tel: 07582 304345
Cllr Rachel Cromie (CON) : 11 Quakers Lane, HH, RH16 3QD : Tel: 07948 279782
Cllr Jack Langley (GREEN) : c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, HH, RH16 1BA : Tel: 07401 838754

Franklands Ward

Cllr Christopher Evans (CON) : c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, HH, RH16 1BA : Tel: 01444 455694
Cllr Christian Pitt (CON) : 16 Turners Mill Rd, HH, RH16 1NN : Tel: 07880 775005
Cllr Mike Pulfer (CON) : 6 Burma Close, HH, RH16 3JE : Tel: 07734 407467

Heath Ward

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Cllr Clive Laband (CON) : 5 Ashurst Place, Heath Rd, HH, RH16 3EJ : Tel: 07966 196302
Cllr Richard Nicholson (GREEN) : 24 Barnmead, HH, RH16 1UZ : Tel: 07971 051645

Lucastes & Bolnore Ward

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Cllr Matt Jeffers (CON) : c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, HH, RH16 1BA : Tel: 01444 455694
Cllr James Knight (CON) : c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, HH, RH16 1BA : Tel: 07769 704063
Cllr Alastair McPherson (CON) : c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, HH, RH16 1BA : Tel: 07966 057664

Town Councillors can also be contacted by email: firstname.lastname@haywardsheath.gov.uk

What's on:

**7th
Sept**

Town Day
Victoria Park
Time: 12pm - 7pm

**7th
Sept**

**Festival of Hope -
Caring for Creation**
St Wilfrid's Church
Time: 11am - 5pm

**26th Oct
- 3rd Nov**

**The Academy of
Witches & Wizards**
Borde Hill Garden
Time: 10am - 3pm

**11th-
13th Oct**

**'Giants of Steam'
Autumn Gala**
Bluebell Railway

**10th
Nov**

Remembrance Sunday
Muster Green
War Memorial
Time: 10.45am

**23-24
Nov**

Christmas Festival
Orchards Centre
Fireworks 23/11
Victoria Park



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