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# Summer/Autumn 2025 Newsletter



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## THE MAYOR'S LETTER

Dear Residents,

As your recently elected mayor, it's been a privilege to attend so many fantastic events across the town and support our vibrant, caring community. The Town Council's headline event of the year, Town Day, will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September. We will have plenty of activities and community groups involved, as well as music and entertainment into the evening; I look forward to seeing many of you there!



This year I'm raising money for the Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity, which supports children under five with cerebral palsy and other motor learning impairments. Please join us for Walk Together on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September and also my quiz night on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October to help fundraise for their vital work.

One key message I'd like to share is the importance of volunteering. Across many of the events I have attended, organisers have often mentioned the challenges of attracting new volunteers. So, if you want to bring about positive change to where we live, I encourage you to get involved: there are so many incredible community groups in Haywards Heath that are calling out for volunteers, and I'm sure you can make a difference!

I hope you've had a wonderful summer full of exciting things!

Kind regards,

**Cllr Duncan Pascoe - Town Mayor, Haywards Heath**

# WALK TOGETHER - SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Take a step towards changing lives by joining Walk Together 2025, the annual sponsored walk hosted by the Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity, supporting children with cerebral palsy and other motor learning impairments.

Starting from Victoria Park, Haywards Heath, this inspiring event offers two beautiful routes through Bolnore Village:

- 5K Accessible Walk – Ideal for families, pushchairs, and wheelchair users.
- 15K Mixed-Terrain Trek – A more challenging route for those seeking adventure.

Whether you're walking with loved ones or meeting new faces, this is a chance to enjoy the outdoors, build community spirit, and make a difference. Children under 12 walk free, and dogs on leads are welcome. Entry is £20 per person, which includes a medal and a BBQ with refreshments at the finish line.

The charity receives no government funding and provides life-changing services free to families, costing £600,000 annually. While there's no fundraising minimum, participants are encouraged to aim for £125, the cost of one vital physiotherapy session.

Every step you take helps children on their journey to take their very first - turning what once seemed impossible into reality.

Register now at [www.dvlcc.org.uk](http://www.dvlcc.org.uk)





## CELEBRATING OUR CARERS

We recently welcomed 20 local carers for a well-deserved day of relaxation, recognition, and appreciation. Carers provide unpaid support to family, friends, or neighbours who are ill, disabled, or elderly, and we wanted to thank them for their vital role in the community.

The event featured a variety of wellness activities and creative workshops, including reflexology, massages, reiki, glass jar decorating and pot planting.

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to P&S Gallagher's for sponsoring the food and Glendale for donating plants, as well as to all the organisations and carers who took part. The Carers Event will return next year.



## *Remembrance Sunday*

SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2025  
10.45AM  
WAR MEMORIAL, MUSTER GREEN

LEST WE FORGET

## WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN HAYWARDS HEATH MONOPOLY?

We are exploring the creation of an official Monopoly: Haywards Heath edition! And are keen to hear whether this is something you would enjoy. Featuring local landmarks and familiar favourites, it could be a unique way to celebrate our community. If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, or if you have thoughts to share, please participate in our survey!

Please use the QR code or visit our website:  
[www.haywardsheath.gov.uk/newsletters](http://www.haywardsheath.gov.uk/newsletters)



Haywards Heath  
Edition Monopoly  
Questionnaire

## Haywards Heath Christmas Festival

Saturday 22nd November



The Haywards Heath Christmas Festival is back for 2025! It will be a fun filled afternoon of family entertainment and Christmas shopping opportunities.

Spread across town centre locations, there will be something for the whole family to enjoy, from Christmas markets to children's entertainment. Make sure you vote for your favourite 'Best Dressed Christmas Window' and take part in the Christmas Trail.

The festive event is taking place in partnership with Haywards Heath Town Council and The Orchards Shopping Centre. The day will culminate with the countdown and switch on of the town's Christmas Lights!



Booking forms for stalls will open on 17th September. For more information, please visit our website.

# YOUTH ENTREPRENEURS ACADEMY

This year saw the exciting launch of the Youth Entrepreneurs Academy Haywards Heath (YEAHH) – a first-of-its-kind initiative dedicated to empowering the next generation of business leaders.

The programme consisted of a series of business masterclasses delivered by professionals from the Haywards Heath Business Association. The sessions covered

critical topics such as marketing, financial management, networking, and problem-solving – equipping the students with the tools they need to bring their ideas to life.

To try out their newly learned skills, the students participated in an inspiring Business Fair held at The Orchards Shopping Centre.

The event was a major success, with students conducting live market research and selling impressive numbers of their products directly to the public.

The programme closed with a positive feedback session and a presentation of certificates for the students.

YEAHH will be returning in 2026: if you are interested in taking part in the project, either as a participant or assisting as a business, please email [hermione.davidson@haywardsheath.gov.uk](mailto:hermione.davidson@haywardsheath.gov.uk)

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Join the  
**Youth Entrepreneurs Academy**  
**HAYWARDS HEATH**

**Masterclasses/mentorship/business fair**

In Year 10-12? Live in Haywards Heath?  
Dream of running your own business one day?  
Interested in how businesses are run?  
Want to find out from local experts?

Sign up for 9 sessions in Spring 2026

 **Free entry for individuals or teams of up to 4** 

**Just say YEAHH!**

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## NEWSLETTER REDESIGN

We're always looking for ways to improve the quality and readability of our community newsletter. In this issue, you'll notice a fresh new design aimed at making the layout clearer, more engaging, and easier to navigate. Of course, design can be very personal, so we'd love to hear your thoughts. Your feedback will help us shape future editions to better meet your needs and preferences.

Our survey can be reached by the QR code, or by visiting our website:

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Thank you for your participation.



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