



# Summer 2021 Newsletter

HAYWARDS HEATH  
TOWN COUNCIL



## Mayor's Message



Dear residents,

This is the first Town Council newsletter for 2021 and an opportunity to introduce myself to you. In May I had the immense honour and privilege of being appointed Mayor of Haywards Heath. This is a town dear to my heart. I am a long-term resident of Haywards Heath; my two sons were educated here and I am a serving member of the NHS at our wonderful Princess Royal Hospital.

Hopefully we have finally turned the corner of the COVID crisis that has brought huge sadness, loss and real economic hardship to so much of our community. It seems that few have remained untouched. I work in a clinical training role at the Princess Royal Hospital and was able to see first-hand the life changing events that have affected many local families, so it is comforting to see the difference the successful vaccination programme has made to us all. My sincere thanks go to each and every one of you who has played a part in this. I will shortly be announcing my support for a charity at the Princess Royal Hospital, so please watch this space!

Our past Mayor, Cllr Alastair McPherson, and the Town Council acted positively and decisively in providing direct financial support and volunteering help in the 'Leave No One Behind' campaign and we remain indebted to so many volunteers, groups and businesses that

gave so much of their time, in such difficult circumstances and at some risk to themselves, during this pandemic. I truly believe that we did rise to this challenge as our town motto requires 'To Serve the People Well.'

At last, it seems that we are emerging from the pandemic and it has been heartening to see a revitalisation occurring across our town, with many new businesses opening and providing new experiences and services for the people of Haywards Heath. In the short time I have been Mayor, I have been delighted to open two new businesses in South Road and to attend the wonderful Summer Community Event for our Haywards Heath Horticultural Society. It was a real joy for me to see the community come out in support of this show which witnessed them celebrating their 130th anniversary in our town!

I am also delighted that our annual Town Day event will return to Victoria Park, and is now to be extended into the evening to provide a fantastic community and music event that all the family can enjoy. I know so many of you take part in this great day out for our community with family and friends and I hope to see you all there in September. The wonderful ethos in Haywards Heath is built from the collective community spirit of its people and I am looking forward to celebrating with many of you at the Covid-19 Community Support Awards and our Town Day and Music Festival this year.

Please keep well and safe and I am truly honoured to be serving the community of Haywards Heath as Mayor.

**Cllr Howard Munding**

Town Mayor, Haywards Heath

## Free Community Town Day & Music Festival!

Saturday 11th September 2021  
12pm - 9pm Victoria Park



Town day is back for 2021 and its bigger and better, with extended hours until 9pm, so you can kick back, hire a deckchair or bring a blanket, and enjoy all the music and entertainment on show! Our free community event features something for everyone – rides, activities, stalls, food and drink, circus skills, funfair, inflatables and the famous Mewes Vets dog show! This year we are very excited to announce that the amazing 'Titan the Robot' will be bringing his moves and sense of fun to our event. He has famously performed with major celebrities around the globe and his sense of humour is legendary, so viewers beware! Our new Town Mayor will also be joining us, presenting our Covid-19 Community Support Awards at the event. We do hope you will all join us for this fantastic fun filled event for our town. We would

very much like to thank all our kind sponsors for this event – David Wilson Homes, the Orchards Shopping Centre and A-Plan Insurance. Our thanks also to Ryan Andrews Business Performance for kindly sponsoring the Covid-19 Community Support Awards.

**Mid Sussex District Council has launched a 12-week engagement programme and are encouraging the local community to participate and help shape the future of the Clair Hall site.**



Details of this and ongoing updates on the engagement and consultation programme can be found at <https://engagement.midsussex.gov.uk/clair-hall>

Haywards Heath Town Council strongly supports the re-provision of Clair Hall to provide a modern entertainment and community centre – so please get involved.



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## Marathon success for the Haywards Heath Town Trio!

Our intrepid Haywards Heath Town Trio comprised of Town Clerk, Steve Trice, former Deputy Mayor, Matt Jeffers and former Mayor, Alastair McPherson, recently completed the Mayor's Marathon challenge around Haywards Heath. The Trio are thrilled to report that they raised over £3,000 for Time4Children, the Mayor's charity for 2019-2021. They would like to say a huge thank you to all those of you who generously contributed to this fantastic figure.



*The Haywards Heath Town Trio proudly displaying their winners medals from the Mid Sussex Marathon Weekend.*

## The innovative Haywards Heath Lions continue to support our community!

Along with many other organisations, the Haywards Heath Lions ability to raise funds in support of our community was severely curtailed by the Covid pandemic, however, Lions being Lions, we put our heads together and came up with some innovative ways to raise funds for community support.

One of our Lions decided to build and sell wooden planters to help with our fundraising and has so far made and sold over 150 planters (selling for £35 each) since late summer 2020. We made contributions to the Foodbank, moved our £1 bookstall online and we came together with the Haywards Heath Rotary Club to provide funding to a local organisation in support of bereavement counselling to young people.

However, it's not all been about community support! We were very proud when one of our members reached a milestone in volunteering and community support, achieving 50 years of service in the Haywards Heath Lions. Congratulations to Derek Taylor who, although he now has limited sight, continues to be an active member of a club that has served the community of Haywards Heath and surrounding areas since 1962. Volunteering is extremely rewarding and we are actively looking for new members. Please contact us through our website or telephone our secretary on 0345 8335807. [www.haywardsheathlionsclub.org.uk](http://www.haywardsheathlionsclub.org.uk).

*To access our online bookstore, visit at [www.hhlionsbooks.co.uk](http://www.hhlionsbooks.co.uk) Peter Parr, Haywards Heath Lions Club*

## Haywards Heath Horticultural Society celebrates its 130th Anniversary!



This year we celebrate our 130th anniversary and while this has been a hard year for us all, we were delighted to return with our Hope Springs Eternal Display and our wonderful Summer Community Event held in the Orchards Shopping Centre. So many of you turned out to visit and see all the fantastic flowers, vegetables, cookery, crafts and photography. It was truly wonderful to see our new Town Mayor enjoying the displays and awarding our 'best on show' prizes!

We are a friendly group of enthusiastic gardeners who are always willing to share our gardening 'know how' with you. We do this through working with schools, allotments and social events in the town, such as the Town Council's Spring Festival, where our stalls offer free advice, plants and craft sales by our dedicated members.

Now, more than ever, we have learnt that the outdoors (and gardening) is good for our health and so many of you have discovered what a pleasure it is too! We would love to get new members on board - we get together on the 3rd Thursday of the month between September and May, with guest speakers on many horticultural topics and demonstrations. For more information on our society and events, please visit [www.hhhs.org.uk](http://www.hhhs.org.uk) or call our membership secretary, Barbara Chard on 01444 416093.

*Sylvia Harris  
Vice President, Haywards Heath Horticultural Society*

## Sandy Ellis returns as Chair of Haywards Heath IN BLOOM



Cllr Sandy Ellis has returned as Chair of the Haywards Heath IN BLOOM Committee and has immediately launched a VIRTUAL LOCKDOWN GARDENER'S COMPETITION for residents of Haywards Heath which aims to reward the skills and efforts of residents who have transformed their outdoor space, learned new skills or fallen back in love with nature during lockdown.

Cllr Ellis comments: *"I am delighted and honoured to be returning to the chairmanship of Haywards Heath IN BLOOM. I have seen through lockdown how popular gardening has become in our towns and villages. I do so hope everyone will support this wonderful virtual gardening initiative and I would love to share photos of the improvements made by our many keen gardeners & allotment holders.*

*I'm also thrilled to announce the Town Council are working in partnership with West Sussex Country Council to support the 'Community Verges Scheme'. This is a great way for neighbours, friends and community organisations to adopt a verge and be part of the wildflower trail!"*

Residents wishing to take part in the virtual competition should notify Brenda Gulliver at Haywards Heath Town Council by the end of July. Brenda can be contacted on 01444 455694 or by email to [brenda.gulliver@haywardsheath.gov.uk](mailto:brenda.gulliver@haywardsheath.gov.uk).

*Residents wishing to take part in the Community Verges Scheme should contact: [active.communities@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:active.communities@westsussex.gov.uk)*



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## Grove Garden – a local garden project for the over 60's needs help!!

A garden in Haywards Heath is developing into an innovative project to provide a new destination and facility for the over sixties in our community. Grove Garden will offer a whole range of activities for the older generation including yoga classes, poetry recitals, music, Pilates, gardening classes, star gazing, coffee & tea mornings and lots more!



Our former Town Mayor, Cllr Alastair McPherson, adopted the Grove Garden Charity during his time in office and has worked hard on the regeneration of this garden. He comments "Time spent in garden spaces and outdoors is proven to enhance wellbeing and general health and I believe this is a wonderful gift for our community." More help is needed to get Grove Garden up and running and the charity is now looking for volunteers, equipment, donations, gardeners or any kind of help that can be provided. If you are able to help or you want to find out more about this amazing communal facility, please visit [www.grovegarden.uk](http://www.grovegarden.uk) or contact Grove Garden on 07787 534749.

*Joyce Grove was a local resident, philanthropist and head teacher of the old St Clair's school in Haywards Heath. She generously bequeathed the garden to the community, with a wish that it would be a haven for the elderly in our town. Joyce's most famous student, the internationally renowned actress Greta Scacchi, is now the proud patron of the Grove Garden Charity.*

## Bentswood Community Larder – Here to help support the local community

An inspiring new community larder is in place in Bentswood to help residents in need. The Bentswood Community Larder was the idea of Sussex Clubs for Young People employee, Anna Sharkey, and Town Councillor, Rachel Cromie, and has been another example of the whole community coming together to support a community project. The new facility has been supported by Clarion Futures, Sussex Clubs for Young People, the Bentswood Community Partnership and Haywards Heath Town Council.



Cllr Rachel Cromie comments, "We started to help deliver food donated from kind members of the community to those families who were struggling during the half term and Haywards Heath Town Council immediately supported us to get the project off the ground. The scheme has grown into something bigger and we now have fresh food and staples each day for those residents who need it the most. The rewarding part of this scheme is that so many people who take something, come back in a few days later and donate something else. It really is a community effort."

Anna Sharkey said, "Not only are we helping people in our community but we are also helping our environment, as a large amount of the food we are handing out would ordinarily end up in landfill. Everything we have received has come from the local community, from local families, local businesses, local organisations and Haywards Heath Town Council. By working together, we have been able to find a sustainable solution to help the local community and combat food waste at the same time"

The Community Larder is looking for more food donations and/or volunteers. If you are able to help, please contact Rachel Cromie on [rachel.cromie@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:rachel.cromie@midsussex.gov.uk) The Community Larder is located in the Bentswood Hub in America Lane and is open from 10am-2pm on weekdays and 10am-12pm at the weekend.

## Haywards Heath Town Day & Music Festival

11 September 2021  
12pm to 9pm  
Victoria Park!



fun packed day for all the family!



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Ryan Andrews & Co.  
Business Performance



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## St Richard's Church helping the Family Support Work Charity

Father Christopher Brading and his wife at St Richard's Church in Haywards Heath have a strong link with the community and are continuing to support the wonderful Family Support Work charity who help disadvantaged families in our community.

Family Support Work has been helping families across Sussex since 1890, supporting children and families through difficult times in their lives. This can include low income and poverty, mental or physical ill health, disability, learning difficulties, school non-attendance and exclusion, bereavement, family break-up and domestic abuse. They help children and parents/carers to resolve problems, develop confidence and resilience and improve relationships. They also provide food parcels, clothing, household goods and help with winter fuel bills where necessary.

You can support the Family Support Work charity by making donations directly to St Richard's Church of non-perishable foodstuffs, toiletries, or games, books and puzzles for children. Even when the church is locked, it is possible to drop donations off, or you can contact them to have these collected.

For more information on the Family Support Work charity, visit their website at [www.familysupportwork.org](http://www.familysupportwork.org) or call them on 01273 832963. To contact St Richard's Church, please call 01444 413621.

## Hurst Farm Update

Much Needed Community Infrastructure for Haywards Heath

Haywards Heath Town Council welcomes the purchase of land off Hurstwood Lane by Homes England to drive forward the much-needed development of a new primary school, cemetery, allotments and country park, with the protection of ancient woodland, alongside the need for the allocated housing on Hurst Farm. A direct benefit of Homes England's involvement is a close working relationship which has been forged with the Town Council. This will enable the Town Council to keep residents up to date as the works on the land commence and as the planning application is brought forward towards the end of the year. In the interest of health and safety, Homes England are undertaking remedial works on the land to fulfil their duty of care as landowners and as a start to make the land, that they will develop for the benefit of the Town, fit for purpose and safe.



## Your Town Councillors - how to get in touch

### Ashenground Ward

Clr Richard Bates (LIB) : West Corner, Lowfield Rd, HH, RH16 4DW : Tel: 01444 452092

Clr Stephanie Ingelsfield (LIB) : 41 Cedar Avenue, HH, RH16 4UQ : Tel: 07780 456316

Clr Sujan Wickremaratchi (CON) : 14 Colwell Close, HH, RH16 4HF : Tel: 07968 179083

### Bentswood Ward

Clr Clare Cheney (CON) : 26 Greenways, HH, RH16 2DT : Tel: 07582 304345

Clr Rachel Cromie (CON) : 11 Quakers Lane, HH, RH16 3QD : Tel: 07948 279782

Clr Jack Langley (GREEN) : c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, HH, RH16 1BA : Tel: 07401 838754

### Franklands Ward

Clr Christopher Evans (CON) : c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, HH, RH16 1BA : Tel: 01444 455694

Clr Howard Mundin (CON) : 34 Wellswood, Haywards Heath, RH16 4FQ : Tel: 07802 603446

Clr Mike Pulfer (CON) : 6 Burma Close, HH, RH16 3JE : Tel: 07734 407467

### Heath Ward

Clr Sandy Ellis (CON) : 60a Queens Rd, HH, RH16 1EE : Tel: 07827 813366

Clr Clive Laband (CON) : c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Road, HH, RH16 1BA : Tel: 07966 196302

Clr Richard Nicholson (GREEN) : 24 Barnmead, HH, RH16 1UZ : Tel: 07971 051645

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Clr Matt Jeffers (CON) : c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, HH, RH16 1BA : Tel: 01444 455694

Clr James Knight (CON) : c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, HH, RH16 1BA : Tel: 07769 704063

Clr 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](mailto:firstname.lastname@haywardsheath.gov.uk)

## What's On!

**7 August**  
9.30am - 3pm

Wilderness Camp  
Family Bushcraft Experience  
[www.bordehillgarden.co.uk](http://www.bordehillgarden.co.uk)

**13 August**  
5.30pm -  
7.30pm

Children's Outdoor Theatre  
'Mr Stink'  
[www.bordehillgarden.co.uk](http://www.bordehillgarden.co.uk)

**31 July -  
1 August**  
All day

Model Railway Weekend  
Bluebell Railway  
[www.bluebellrailway.com](http://www.bluebellrailway.com)

**11 September**  
12pm - 9pm

Town Day & Music Festival  
Victoria Park  
[www.haywardsheath.gov.uk](http://www.haywardsheath.gov.uk)

**21 September**  
12pm - 4pm

Memory Moments Café  
St Richard's Church  
Invitation only



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