



Spring 2024 Newsletter

HAYWARDS HEATH
TOWN COUNCIL



Mayor's Message



I hope you all had a lovely festive break and it was certainly a busy time for me! There was the amazing Orchard's Christmas festival, turning on our town's Christmas lights with Father Christmas, and seeing so many families watching the spectacular Christmas firework display from the Town Council.

I had the joy of getting into the holiday spirit by going to Christmas Parties in care homes, singing enthusiastically at Christmas Carol services with the Guides, local choirs, the Princess Royal Hospital and community Christmas Carols at the Town Hall. I had the privilege to celebrate the end of the year with local businesses such as the Pauline Quirke Academy of Performing Arts and charities including Age UK. I also helped bring some Christmas Spirit to the children in the Wendy House nursery at the hospital over Christmas, being an Elf to Father Christmas!

With Christmas being a time for being thoughtful and community minded, my fellow town councillors and myself packed 'Leave No One Behind Christmas Boxes' full of goodies which were distributed to the elderly and vulnerable and those in need via the foodbank, AGE UK, care homes, churches and doctors' surgeries.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first nine months as Mayor of Haywards Heath, meeting so many interesting and kind members of our community, residents, community groups and businesses. As times continue to be tough right now, I do hope we all draw strength from the spirit of the community that exists in our town. We are lucky to have so many charity and community groups that help during times like this including the Haywards Heath Foodbank and Baby Bank, community food larders and Town Council grants, plus all the kind and brilliant volunteers who happily give up their own time and resources to help others. This really brings a warm feeling to our hearts.

I will soon have my fundraising event for the wonderful local charity, Time4Children. This event would not be possible without the kind sponsorship of Pembroke Financial Services and Tax Assist Accountants locally and I thank them from the bottom of my heart. It's going to be a fun filled night with a back to the 80's theme and I hope to raise a great amount to help the charity and the brilliant work they do for local families.

We also have lots of free, fun community events for all the family coming up in 2024. You can find out more about some of these events inside this newsletter and I look forward to meeting many of you at one or some of these. I wish you all the joys of Springtime and our warmer weather to come.

Cllr Stephanie Inglesfield
Town Mayor, Haywards Heath



Spring into Summer

Sunday 2nd June
Muster Green: 1.30pm-4.00pm

Celebrate with us as we spring into the Summer season with a free community event for all the family. Featuring charity stalls, fairground rides, performances, activities and so much more, join us as the weather gets warmer for a free afternoon of fun.

Annual Town Meeting

Monday 29th April 2024:
7.30pm | Town Hall

The Annual Town Meeting will be held in the Town Hall on Monday 29th April at 7.30pm. The agenda for this meeting will appear on the Haywards Heath Town Council website prior to the event. We welcome you all and hope many of you will attend your annual town meeting.



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Hire the Town Hall!

Did you know we have rooms for Hire!



Haywards Heath Town Hall has excellent meeting, conferencing and event facilities, which are available for hire seven days a week at very affordable prices. The Town Hall can also accommodate Civil Ceremonies, Wedding Receptions and Celebratory functions.

Conference/Meeting Facilities

Our Meeting Rooms provide versatile accommodation, with acoustic partitions between the rooms meaning they can be used as a large function or conference room or individual meeting rooms, with full kitchen facilities available.

Weddings/Civil Ceremonies

The Town Hall is a licensed venue for Weddings and Civil Ceremonies. Close to the picturesque site of Muster Green, the Town Hall is ideally situated in Haywards Heath as the chosen venue for your special day.

*For more information on our function rooms or to check availability and prices, please contact HHTC on **01444 455694** or email brenda.gulliver@haywardsheath.gov.uk*

Relate to offer counselling support in Haywards Heath

Relate

West Sussex

Relate West Sussex will be providing face-to face counselling for couples and individuals on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from February and will be based at Haywards Heath Town Hall.

With counselling rooms in East Grinstead, Crawley, Chichester and Horsham, Relate want their service to be accessible to local residents and are hoping to open more outposts in Mid Sussex.

The charity offers a combination of online, telephone and face-to-face counselling for individuals, couples, families and children and young people aged five to nineteen. They also offer psychosexual therapy.

Lisa Phillips Centre Manager said, "our primary aim is to support healthy and harmonious relationships and we look forward to supporting people in the area."

Relate don't want cost to be a barrier and work with a range of partners and have several ways to help people access free or low-cost counselling.

*For more information and to book an appointment call our Reception Team on **01293 657055** or email reception@relatesussex.org*

**MID
SUSSEX
MARATHON
WEEKEND**

3 RACES. 3 TOWNS. 3 DAYS.

Mid Sussex Marathon Weekend

4th to 6th May 2024

The Mid Sussex Marathon is celebrating its 13th anniversary and registration is now open!

This unique mixed terrain running event takes place over the May Bank Holiday weekend and is a great event for the whole family, with something for every ability. The marathon weekend starts in East Grinstead on Saturday 4th with a 10-mile race, the second 10-mile race takes place in Haywards Heath on Sunday 5th May and the Marathon finishes on Bank Holiday Monday with a 10k race in Burgess Hill.

Younger participants and new runners can enter the Mid Sussex fun runs and Mid Sussex mile races, plus runners unable to attend the live event, can still take part in their virtual race. All participants will receive a coveted Mid Sussex Marathon medal!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: ROAD CLOSURE

Please note, to allow runners to start the Haywards Heath leg of the Mid Sussex Marathon, South Road will be closed from 10.15am to 10.50am. Diversion will be along Church Road. Once runners are clear of the road, the closure will be lifted and the race organisers will endeavour to keep the closure to a minimum. Apologies are offered in advance but the Town Council is sure that residents want to support this charity fundraising event, the runners and the local businesses who will benefit from the run starting in the Town centre.

The Haywards Heath Marathon takes place in Victoria Park on Sunday 5th May from 9am. For more information or to enter, visit <https://midsussexmarathon.co.uk>

GOLD for Haywards Heath!

Chair of Haywards Heath In Bloom Committee, Cllr Sandy Ellis' heart was bursting with pride after Haywards Heath won GOLD for Haywards Heath Town, GOLD for Muster Green and Silver Gilt for the Haywards Heath Cemetery in the 2023 South and South East In Bloom awards. Cllr Ellis said "What a fantastic achievement, it's not just how the town is lovingly cared for by our brilliant Town Council grounds staff, but also the hard work of the In Bloom Committee and the amazing businesses, organisations, residents and volunteers we are so lucky to have in Haywards Heath. Thank you all so much, a true community effort."



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Community Events 2024

Here are some details on our community and partnership events. Follow us on social media for more details on these events nearer the time or visit our website www.haywardsheath.gov.uk

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2023 consisted of a busy events schedule for our community, including the return of the Carers Event for the first time since COVID. The first Spring into Summer event and Teddy Bears Picnic were also held and this year saw what was described as 'The Best Town Day EVER!' It was a very special year, which saw us hosting Coronation Celebrations to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III, which started with a 'Royal Procession' from the Town Hall to Victoria Park. The parade had a huge turn out with many groups, sports clubs and individuals taking part in this event.



A HUGE thank you to everyone who attended and supported last year's events. Our thanks also goes to CSL Behring, The Orchards Shopping Centre, Sigma Homes, Batcheller Monkhouse, P&S Gallagher, London Gatwick Airport and Brock Taylor for sponsoring our community initiatives and events throughout the year. If your company/ business is interested in sponsoring our events or initiatives please contact imogen.wilson@haywardsheath.gov.uk

Haywards Heath Gets Active

Sunday 5th May | Victoria Park, 9am-12pm

Let's get Active Haywards Heath! Come along and try FREE taster sessions with a variety of sports groups and clubs! Meet members of Active Haywards Heath and join with a free fun filled morning. Members will be showcasing their sports and activities so it's the perfect opportunity to try something new for you!

Spring into Summer

Sunday 2nd June | Muster Green: 1.30pm-4.00pm

Join us for this free community event on Muster Green. More details will be revealed on our social media channels nearer the time.

D-Day 80th Anniversary Event

Thursday 6th June

Please join us in Victoria Park to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings. More details to follow in due course.

Carers Event

Thursday 27th June

Haywards Heath Town Hall: 10.30am-2.30pm

Are you a carer? Do you look after a family member, partner or friend who needs help because of their illness, frailty, disability, SEND, a mental health problem or an addiction and cannot cope without your support? Adult carers are invited to join us for our annual free day of pampering and activities. The event takes place as a follow up to National Carers Week at the Town Hall and is a small thank you to carers for all that they do. For more information on the event, please contact the Town Hall on 01444 455 694.

Teddy Bears Picnic

TBC Summer Holidays | Muster Green

Working in partnership with the Haywards Heath Foodbank, we invite you to bring your own picnic, blanket and beloved teddy bears and join us on Muster Green for a fun filled event. Free entertainment and activities and perhaps a free gift too! More details to follow in due course.

Town Day

Saturday 14th September

Victoria Park: 12pm to 9pm



Join us for our FREE community day with so much fun for all the family. Rides, activities, stalls, food, drink and live entertainment. Follow our social media channels for more information as fantastic acts are announced!

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 10th November

War Memorial, Muster Green: 10.45am

The Town Council invite you to our Remembrance Sunday service for Haywards Heath. The service will be attended by local dignitaries and Councillors, members of the Armed Forces, the Royal British Legion, youth organisations, local groups and members of the public. Everyone is invited to attend to mark this special day in our history.



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Walking in Sussex: Time to get walking again!

With the beautiful weather all around us it's definitely time to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside, but where can you find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Sussex (<https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/sussex/>) from John Harris has loads of walks to download and print free. It also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John said "There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Sussex (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place. This means whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy. So why not check out the website and get walking!"



For more about walks in our beautiful countryside, visit www.walkinginengland.co.uk or to find out more about John Harris and his walks, email him on john@walkinginengland.co.uk

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