



Autumn/Winter 2015 Newsletter

HAYWARDS HEATH
TOWN COUNCIL



Mayor's Message



It is now nearly six months since I was elected Town Mayor and it has been an absolute honour to represent you and our fantastic Town. I have been extremely busy supporting local charities, fund raising and most of all supporting voluntary organisations that play an extremely vital role in our communities. Our communities would be deprived without these organizations. My thanks

for all the wonderful work they do.

My wife and I have visited many care homes in this area and my intention is to visit many more. I take a keen interest in adult safeguarding and the care and safety of our elderly population.

As Mayor, my wife and I visited our twinned town, Traunstein in Germany for the Truna, a popular regional fair. The hospitality we all received was eye opening. Learning about their culture and way of life was very educational.

4Sight, my chosen charity and helping those who have Dementia are very close to my heart. I will do everything possible to make people aware of these issues and to help make our Town Dementia friendly.

I would like to congratulate Sussex Autism Support, a group led by Catarina Wilmore which has won the Mid Sussex District's Community Service Award. I fully support this group and will continue to do so. I have visited the Group B Strep charity based in Haywards Heath, which provides information and support to pregnant mothers. For more information visit their website at gbss.org.uk

This year the Mayor's dinner and dance will be held on **Friday 12th February 2016**, in aid of 4Sight. Please call the Town Council for further information on 01444 455694.

I would like to warmly thank my fellow councillors, residents and all the Town Council staff for supporting me. I would also like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Cllr Sujan Wickremaratchi

Muster Green named one of the best in Britain!



A Green Flag flying overhead is a sign to the public that the space boasts the highest possible standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent facilities. The Town Council is very proud to announce that Muster Green has been awarded Green Flag status, during Love Parks Week (July 24 to August 2), an annual celebration of our country's fantastic green spaces and the community groups that bring them to life.

Christmas Festival

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Father Christmas, his reindeer, along with one of the three Kings aloft on a real camel, is coming to Haywards Heath on Saturday 28th November to switch on the Town's Christmas Lights. The festivities begin in The Orchards Shopping Centre with live music and other Christmas entertainment. Saturday will close with a lantern procession, organised by Haywards Heath Art CIC and a **magnificent firework display in Victoria Park** from 5.30pm onwards, provided by Haywards Heath Town Council.

The festive spirit continues in The Orchards on Sunday 29th.

Draft Neighbourhood Plan

The Town Council's Draft Neighbourhood Plan is now out for consultation until the 14th December 2015. Please contact the Town Council or visit our website for a copy of the Plan and to find out about consultation events.



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Haywards Heath Town Day and 999 Fun Day

Victoria Park played host to hundreds of people and over 70 voluntary and community groups who despite the changeable weather forecast turned out in force at Town Day and 999 Fun Day on Saturday 5th September. Haywards Heath Town Day is organised by the Town Council and this year's collaboration with all the emergency services proved to be a huge success.



The day wouldn't be complete without our community and charitable stalls that do fantastic job raising money for their particular cause. One group has reported that they raised over £200 on the day.

Haywards Heath Town Council would like to thank our sponsors, The Orchards, P & S Gallagher, Martin and Company Estate Agents and Gray Hooper, Holt Solicitors for supporting the event. In addition, thanks to Sussex Police and all the emergency services who participated and a big thank you to everyone who came along to support the day.

Thanks to E Howland & F Mirza for photographs

Haywards Heath Remembrance Sunday 8th November 2015

The Town Council will once again be organising the Remembrance Sunday Service for Haywards Heath at the War Memorial on Muster Green. The Service will begin at 10.45am to observe the 2 minutes silence at 11.00am. Conducted by Reverend Ray Smith, the Remembrance 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. Music will be played by Haywards Heath Concert Brass. All are welcome to attend.

Every Man Remembered

Every Man Remembered is a historical remembrance organised by the Royal British Legion and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The aim of this unique tribute is to commemorate every single man and women who gave their life during World War 1, by 2018. Haywards Heath Town Council is proud to be part of this unique tribute and have made a commemorative donation and tribute to Sgt Arthur George Knight, a former resident of Haywards Heath and recipient of the Victoria Cross, whose memory we have honoured by placing a memorial plaque at the Town Council and by visiting his grave through the Twinning Association.



When the train came to town!



Proposed site of mosaic at Haywards Heath Railway Station

As part of the 175th Anniversary celebrations of the first train to the town, Haywards Heath Twinning Association (HHTA) is planning to install a mosaic in the Station concourse, which has been agreed by Southern Rail. HHTA has received a £500 grant from the Town Council to commission and prepare initial artwork by a professional mosaic artist. Views of the local community will be sought by HHTA during this process. The mosaic will provide a permanent legacy for the town of educational, cultural, social and commercial benefit. One of the fundraising initiatives for this project is for sponsors to buy a piece of mosaic, in return for a certificate signed by the Mayors of each of the three twinned towns; Haywards Heath, Bondues France, and Traunstein, Germany. For further information contact HHTA at info@hhta.eu visit the website at www.hhta.eu or telephone Fred Bone on 01444 239853.



The Haywards Heath Dementia Action Group provides monthly awareness sessions at the Town Hall from 2- 4pm. The next session takes place on Wednesday 2nd December. The Group now has 11 Dementia Friends Champions who are able to provide free Dementia Friends sessions to groups and businesses. Call 01444 455694 now to arrange a session at a time that suits you.

Local dementia support

The Alzheimer Society's Mid Sussex Dementia Friendly Group meets regularly at the Redwood Centre. Call the Alzheimer Society on 01403 213017 for more information.

Crossroads Care South Central's Neil's Club, for people with young onset dementia takes place on Wednesdays at St. Richards Church, Sydney Road, Haywards Heath. Telephone: 01903 790270 for information.

Do you care for someone with dementia?

The Alzheimer Society's Carer Information and Support Programme, is a series of six workshops for those caring for a family member or friend with dementia, whose diagnosis is recent. The workshops start on 19th January 2016. There are a limited number of places. To enrol and to find out more please contact 01903 262666.

Ashenground Community Partnership launched!



Building on existing, strong community links, the Ashenground Community Partnership (ACP) was recently launched at the Ashenground Community Centre Open Day. Partnership activities are based on the belief that community development is what people do best for themselves. It is about harnessing community skills and resources to find out what people can offer. It's about getting local people

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES!

CARE 'good neighbours' are looking for volunteers who can offer an hour or so a week or a fortnight to continue supporting those less able and /or housebound. In its 30th year, the charity remains a 100% voluntary organisation, with services provided at no cost.

From picking up shopping, giving lifts, helping with odd jobs or just calling in for a friendly chat, volunteers from CARE provide a lifeline for hundreds of people in our local area.

Last year 114 volunteers carried out nearly 1,800 jobs! By the end of this year we will pass our 75,000 total of completed assignments. CARE is 100% dependant on volunteers and is always seeking new pairs of hands in all areas.

Frank Nickson, a retired teacher and recently elected CARE Publicity Officer, said, "CARE is a local group which makes our area the type of supportive community we are all proud of."

To find out more about CARE call 01444 455955 or visit www.careinhaywardsheath.co.uk

Haywards Heath Multiple Sclerosis Society is looking for new volunteers to fill positions as Fundraiser, Lead support volunteer, Chairman and Treasurer. If you are looking to do something different or are searching for an opportunity to



develop your skills then this may be for you. MS Society branches are essential to the provision of support and information to people with and affected by MS. The roles mentioned are fundamental to the planning and development of services and support as well as the running of events and activities. For details on specific roles and further information about the MS Society please visit <http://volunteers.mssociety.org.uk/> or contact the Local Networks Officer Alli Mundy on 07919411618.

together to decide what is important to them and what needs improving in their area. The Partnership is a one stop shop for residents to ask questions of their local Councillors, raise any issues with the police, find out what is going on in the neighbourhood, or just link up with other residents.

The ACP website will provide information on activities/ events in the area as well as information on local organisations and key local authority contacts.

Please visit our website for more information www.ashenground.co.uk

A Christmas Message from St Mungo's Street Homeless

As we approach Christmas and think of those less fortunate than us, Sussex Outreach Service (SOS) would like to highlight the work that they do. SOS has been in operation for just over a year and has three outreach workers, a pan Sussex personalisation worker, and a team leader. SOS operates in 12 of the 13 local authorities in Sussex with the exception of Brighton and Hove. SOS work in partnership with other agencies to help rough sleepers access accommodation. SOS also assists the homeless with benefit claims and to access employment or training. They respond to rough sleepers via a number of ways, such as through Sussex Police and Streetlink, a national organisation to which referrals may be made. Streetlink may be contacted on 0300 500 0914 or www.streetlink.org.uk.

YOUR VIEWS NEEDED!

CCTV camera upgrades open for consultation

Mid Sussex District Council has launched a public consultation to ask local people what they think about the location of CCTV cameras in Haywards Heath, Burgess Hill and East Grinstead. Consultation events will be held in all three towns during October and November 2015 for local people to talk about CCTV cameras and comment on the proposals. Residents can also view all the information and comment online now at www.midsussex.gov.uk/Consultation/9512_10071.htm Anyone who would like a consultation form through the post can call 01444 477204 for a paper copy.

Your Town Councillors - how to get in touch

Ashenground Ward

Cllr Sujan Wickremaratchi | 14 Colwell Close, HH, RH16 4HF | Tel: 07968 179083
Cllr Anne Boutrup | 50 Sunnywood Drive, HH, RH16 4PF | Tel: 07912 112484
Cllr Howard Mundin | c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, RH16 1BA | Tel: 07802 603446

Bentswood Ward

Cllr David Dorking | 8 St Pauls Close, HH, RH16 3DB | Tel: 01444 450067
Cllr Julie Hayden | 141 Hoblands, HH, RH16 3SB | Tel: 01444 458666
Cllr Stephen Hillier | 38 Bentswood Crescent, HH, RH16 3QR | Tel: 07830 200722

Franklands Ward

Cllr Rod Clarke | 101 Beech Hill, HH, RH16 3TS | Tel: 01444 413529
Cllr Jacqui Hollister | 13 Laburnum Way, HH, RH16 3SD | Tel: 01444 453589
Cllr Michael Pulfer | 6 Burma Close, HH, RH16 3JE | Tel: 07734 407467

Heath Ward

Cllr Sandy Ellis | 60a Queens Road, HH, RH16 1EE | Tel: 01444 473154
Cllr Jonathan Ash-Edwards | c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, RH16 1BA | Tel: 01444 413902
Cllr Clive Laband | c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, RH16 1BA | Tel: 07966 196302

Lucastes & Bolnore Ward

Cllr Chris Ash-Edwards | 45 Turners Mill Road, HH, RH16 1NW | Tel: 01444 413902
Cllr Matthew Jeffers | c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, RH16 1BA | Tel: 07917 842566
Cllr James Knight | c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, RH16 1BA | Tel: 07769 704063
Alastair McPherson | c/o The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, RH16 1BA | Tel: 07966 057664

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

Winter Management Plan



The Town Council has now finalised its Winter Management Plan for this coming winter 2015/2016. The plan is a public document which is now available on our website (or as a

hard copy on request from the Town Hall) along with the strategies of our principal authorities Mid Sussex District Council and West Sussex County Council and some top tips on how to respond to snow weather events.

The documentation on the website also includes the area of response each authority is able to undertake and suggestions where residents may be able to help themselves and / or their neighbours.

Haywards Heath Town Council will endeavour to support residents of the town in the event of severe weather. This includes:

- pre-emptive measures in the existing provision of the 91 salt bins in the town (you can find the nearest one to you on our website)
- holding a mass storage of salt in addition to the bins
- the clearance of some pavements and pathways, which are required so residents can reach important services such as doctors surgeries or to enable access to vulnerable people
- providing local business with a small supply of salt and the opportunity to borrow snow shovels
- providing information and updates during winter weather events.

Useful contacts

West Sussex County Council
01243 777100 - www.westsussex.gov.uk
West Sussex County Council Highways
01243 642105
Mid Sussex District Council
01444 458166 - www.midsussex.gov.uk
Haywards Heath Town Council
01444 455694 - www.haywardsheath.gov.uk

Mobile Civic Amenity Collections

8th November 2015 - 6th March 2016
At Franklynn Road Car Park, between 10am and 12pm