



# Autumn 2022 Newsletter

HAYWARDS HEATH  
TOWN COUNCIL



## Mayor's Message



After a brilliant first year as Town Mayor, what a start I had to my second term with all our amazing celebrations for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in our town. It was fantastic to see so many of you taking part in our Jubilee celebrations as Haywards Heath joined in with the nation's lighting of the Queen's Jubilee Beacon and a patriotic red, white and blue firework display, followed by our Open Picnic event in Victoria Park plus all the individual Jubilee themed events that took place around the town. What a truly momentous time in our history to be a part of!

I held my Charity evening of Sussex Cheese and Wine at the Bluebell Vineyard and I must thank all the residents, businesses, NHS staff and entertainers who took part in this event. I am delighted to announce that we have now raised over £4,700 towards the creation of a sensory garden for stroke survivors at Haywards Heath's Sussex Rehabilitation Centre. This will allow them to bring the outdoors and nature back to patients, enabling them to continue their recovery outside the hospital wards, and I look forward to announcing more news on this soon.

I was honoured to help some special organisations celebrating significant anniversaries in our town. The Haywards Heath Lions Club & Haywards Heath Rotarians celebrated 60 years and 90 years of helping our community and fund raising locally and Sussex Chorus celebrated their centenary with a fabulous Opera Gala concert. I had a super time attending the local Ariel Drama Academy showcase and such a fun time meeting residents, staff and family members at Oakwood Court Care Home's community event.

It has been fantastic this year to recognise some of our staff at Haywards Heath Town Council. Helen Hewett was presented with gifts to mark 25 years of service to the Town Council and Josefa Figueira received a Certificate of Appreciation for all the tremendous work she does raising funds for local charities through her Alegria School of Spanish Dance. Helen and Josefa are so well known and loved in our town for all the help they provide to the community and it was lovely to let them know they are truly valued for all they do for our town.

What has impressed and amazed me each time I attend events as Town Mayor is how warm, hospitable and generous our community is. Haywards Heath is very fortunate to have such wonderful residents, groups and businesses and I look forward to meeting many more of you at our annual Town Day & Music Festival in Victoria Park in September and our Christmas Firework Display in November.

**Cllr Howard Munding**

Town Mayor, Haywards Heath

## Free Community Town Day & Music Festival!

*Saturday 10th September 2022: 12pm -9pm Victoria Park*

Our free community day is back in Victoria Park on Saturday 10th September and the event features something for everyone – rides, activities, stalls, food and drink, circus skills, funfair, inflatables and the famous and much loved Mewes Vets dog show! We have the fabulous Poi Passion with their fun circus skills, the amazing Marco the Magician, fantastic dance troupes, music to get you on your feet and so much more! We do hope you will all join us for this amazing fun filled event for our town.



## Remembrance Sunday

*Sunday 13th November 2022  
War Memorial, Muster Green*



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 Fr Edward Pritchett, 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.

Please join us in marking this special day in our history. Everyone is welcome to attend.



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## Our lovely Haywards Heath Lions and Rotary Clubs need you

*Volunteers and new members very welcome*

The Haywards Heath Lions and Rotary Clubs both celebrated very special anniversaries this year, turning 60 and 90 respectively. That's a tremendous amount of amazing community and charitable work for our town but they really need new members and volunteers. They have such fun raising funds at community events and with their fund raising initiatives, including quiz nights, treasure hunts, car boot sales, lunches, talks, Christmas events and swimming challenges. The Lions and Rotary support the foodbank and they take part in the I pads4schools, Deaf Aid and Sight First schemes.

They love making a difference to their local community, so please visit their websites to find out more about joining these amazing organisations. Everyone welcome, young or old, young at heart and definitely big of heart! Why not be part of a network of volunteers trying to make the world a better place!

**For more on the Haywards Heath Lions Club:**

Visit [haywardsheathlionsclub.org.uk](http://haywardsheathlionsclub.org.uk)

**For more on the Haywards Heath Rotary Club:**

Visit [www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=1455](http://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=1455)

## Rotaries Join Forces!

The Rotary club of Haywards Heath has joined forces with the Rotary Club of Cuckfield and Lindfield to give them the size and reach of a much larger area, creating the biggest club in the district to support their local communities. The combined strengths of both Clubs will continue to raise funds and support the local communities as the Rotary Club of Cuckfield Lindfield and Haywards Heath.



## Haywards Heath Garden Project prepares to open its doors



There is great news about progress at Grove Garden, the unique walled garden project in the centre of Haywards Heath, which is being specially designed and landscaped for use by the elderly community in Haywards Heath and surrounding villages.

Despite having a 100 ft tree fall onto the garden's new lawn, leaving a gaping hole in the beautiful brick wall, courtesy of Storm Eunice, Trustees and volunteers intend to open the garden within the next two months. They are excited to invite people to see the hard work, landscaping and community contribution that has been achieved over the last few years.

Chair and Trustee, Nigel Allyson-Ryan has been impressed by the number of people who have volunteered their time on Saturdays to help the charity to get the garden open. In particular, members of the local Rotary clubs of Haywards Heath, Cuckfield and Lindfield who have not only made financial contributions but kindly offer their services most Saturdays.



*"Support for the project has been overwhelming, with help from large organisations like UK Power Networks, Waitrose, Haywards Heath Town Council and local businesses like Beacon Fencing, the Haywards Heath Horticultural Society, Sussex Tree Surgeons and many local residents like Cllr Alastair McPherson, Deputy Mayor of Haywards Heath.*

*The garden is intended to become a special, safe place where the elderly can meet, socialise, experience musical events and creative activities, but most of all to have fun and be stimulated by the garden environment. They are a charity and are always in need of support, equipment, plants, materials and most importantly donations and funding to provide this garden for the lovely elderly community of Haywards Heath."*

To find out more please visit their website: [www.grovegarden.uk](http://www.grovegarden.uk) or contact Nigel on 07787 534749

## Town Council Grants can help your charity or community group



Haywards Heath Town Council grants are available to support voluntary and community initiatives that benefit the residents of Haywards Heath. The next deadlines for the Town Council Grant applications are 10th October and 12th December 2022, so why not apply today! For more information on our grants or how to apply, please visit the Town Council Grants section of our website.



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## Haywards Heath Town Council joins the Plant Based Treaty



We've become the first Town Council in Europe to endorse the Plant Based Treaty, which puts food systems at the heart of combating the climate crisis. The Treaty aims to halt the degradation of critical ecosystems caused by animal agriculture, to promote a shift to more sustainable plant-based diets and to actively reverse damage done to planetary functions, ecosystem services and biodiversity.

The adoption of the Plant Based Treaty is a companion of the UNFCCC/ (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change/ Paris Agreement, which is an international treaty. The Paris Climate Agreement is a legally binding international treaty that commits almost every government in the world to addressing the climate crisis. The UNFCCC is the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

For more information on the Plant Based Treaty: visit <https://plantbasedtreaty.org>.

## We've signed the Civility and Respect Pledge



IN COLLABORATION WITH SLCC, NALC, OVW, COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS

Haywards Heath Town Council join the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC), the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and One Voice Wales (OVW) in the belief that it is now the time to put civility and respect at the top of the agenda and start a culture change for the local council sector.

Haywards Heath Town Council strongly believe there is no place for bullying, harassment, and intimidation within our sector and signing up to the Civility and Respect Pledge demonstrates that we are committed to standing up to poor behaviour across our sector, and demonstrating positive changes which support civil and respectful conduct. By signing the Pledge, our council is agreeing that it will treat councillors, clerks, employees, members of the public, and representatives of partner organisations and volunteers, with civility and respect in their roles.

## Lindfield Repair Cafés buzzing with activity



*Bring your loved items and help our environment*

The Lindfield Repair Cafe has been buzzing with activity over the Summer months, with visitors bringing items over 70 years old to the Jubilee themed café in June. A handle was fixed on a 1938 sugar bowl which had been a wedding gift to the owner's parents. Another visitor brought along a jewellery box dating around 1890 which had belonged to a spinster great aunt. Younger visitors decorated canvas bags with Jubilee decorations. July's cafe saw a

1950's Pelham puppet de-tangled and a 1970's record player could be heard once again. In August the organisers took a well-earned break and the September café had a 'Back to School' theme where visitors brought school uniforms and equipment that needed mending and the Kids Table provided the chance for children to learn sewing skills.

The October café will be woodwork month, where kids will be able to make signs using nails and wool and in November the Repair Cafe will be celebrating its first birthday!

The Mayor is a huge fan of the Repair Café after visiting one of their first ones and commented "It was truly wonderful to see the skills of the volunteers at the Repair Café and to witness the buzz of fun and friendship enjoyed by everyone taking part"

Please note: The repair cafe does not hold spare parts for repairs so if you need a new zip or spare part it's worth purchasing one before you come along!

Lindfield Repair Café is held the first Saturday of every month at United Reformed Church, 52 High Street, Lindfield from 10am to 1pm. For more information, visit their website <https://www.lindfieldrepaircafe.org/>



## Haywards Heath IN BLOOM News



It has been an exciting time entering South and South East IN BLOOM this year and the Haywards Heath IN BLOOM judges are having a lovely time viewing the entries to our own Best Kept Garden competition. Thank you to everyone who has entered and provided our town with a beautiful display of front gardens, community spaces and business fronts. Please keep an eye on our Website and our Facebook page as the winners will be announced in October!

We have also been delighted with our wildflower planting around the town and now have dedicated beds in Bentswood Ward, Heath Ward and Lucastes and Bolnore Ward, plus one road verge in Milton Road. These not only look beautiful but provide a haven for our local bees and wildlife, providing them with food pollen, nectar, shelter and places to breed! We are a lovely group of volunteers, with a shared love of gardening, so please email [brenda.gulliver.gov.uk](mailto:brenda.gulliver.gov.uk) for more information on joining our committee.



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## Winter Management Plan

The Town Council has finalised its Winter Management Plan for this coming Winter 2022/2023. 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 107 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.

Please remember to use salt sparingly as the Town only gets one full fill of all bins each year and then has to manage salt from its mass storage. Kindly remember if used properly a table spoon of salt should clear 1sq meter of ice/snow.

### Useful contacts

West Sussex County Council  
01243 777100 - [www.westsussex.gov.uk](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk)

West Sussex County Council Highways  
01243 642105

Mid Sussex District Council  
01444 458166 - [www.midsussex.gov.uk](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk)

## 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: 07949 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  
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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

### Lucastes & Bolnore Ward

Clr Chris Ash-Edwards (CON) : 45 Turners Mill Rd, HH, RH16 1NW : Tel: 01444 413902  
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)

## Christmas Festival & Fireworks

Saturday 26th November



Come along to the Orchards Shopping Centre on Saturday 26th November from 10am to 5pm for the annual Christmas Festival and Christmas lights switch on. There will be a jam-packed day of fantastic performances plus at 2:30pm Mickie, Minnie, Pluto, Olaf and lots of their friends will be joining the celebrations along with Santa and his elves. Join in the traditional countdown as the Mayor switches the Christmas lights on at 5pm. You can then head over to Victoria Park as the festivities continue with the annual Christmas Firework display from Haywards Heath Town Council at 6pm. Bring all the family to enjoy this event as we get into the Christmas festival party mood!

On Saturdays in December, Santa will return to his grotto. You can have a family photo printed and kiddies will each receive a gift. All donations will be given to charity: Dementia UK.



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