



Autumn 2023 Newsletter

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Mayor's Message



As I am experiencing my first weeks as the Mayor of Haywards Heath, may I say what an honour and a privilege it is to be able to represent my town and my fellow residents. I have to say that it has been a busy time for the Town Council employees and myself, helping the new and existing Town Councillors settle into their new responsibilities after the May local elections.

I am excited to announce that I have chosen Time4Children as the Mayor's charity. Based in Haywards Heath, this charity dedicates itself to listening to young children as a way to help with their mental health and help them get back on track to have a happy and healthy future. I am looking forward to raising funds to help this small charity continue its brilliant work.

My deputy, Cllr Duncan Pascoe and I, have hit the ground running and have already enjoyed many opportunities to meet and acknowledge local groups and organisations. A highlight for me so far has been attending The Orchards Transforming Tomorrow fundraiser for the Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance and getting to rub shoulders

with the UK Garrison Stormtroopers! Also at The Orchards, I had a wonderful afternoon spending time with the Haywards Heath Horticultural Society and learning all about sweet peas from local expert, Roger Dix. Another highlight was when I got to meet some of our youngest and oldest of the local residents. The youngest ones I met when I was invited to the annual Ariel Drama Haywards Heath Showcase for a night of theatre and dancing by our talented children, some as young as 4 years old! Later that week, I spent a joyful afternoon joining Kath Ward and her family in the beautiful gardens of Russeting's Care Home to celebrate her 100th birthday!

Duncan and I enjoyed our first Spring Into Summer event on Muster Green on what turned out to be a very sunny afternoon! Between the fabulous acts on stage, the fairground and the stalls, it was quite the day! A massive thank to all the charity stall holders for supporting the event and giving Duncan and I a deeper insight into the work that they do for the community. These are difficult times for many of us, times of worry and uncertainty. Never has the work of the charities and our wonderful community minded people been more important.

There is for each one of us, a time to take and a time to give, and this is when our town of Haywards Heath and its community spirit truly come to its own with dignity and dedication. Let's all have a joyful and safe summer!

Cllr Stephanie Inglesfield
Town Mayor, Haywards Heath

Haywards Heath Town Day

Saturday 9th September 2023
12pm -9pm Victoria Park

Our FREE community day returns to Victoria Park on Saturday 9th September and the event features something for everyone – rides, activities, stalls, food and drink, circus skills, funfair, inflatables and the much loved Mewes Vets dog show! We have the fabulous Circus Brighton with their fun circus skills, a classic car show, fantastic dance troupes and a wonderful finale featuring the brilliant Abba tribute band ABBA Re-Björn! We do hope you will all join us for this amazing fun filled event for our town.



Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 12th November 2023
War Memorial, Muster Green

The Town Council invite you to our Remembrance Sunday Service for Haywards Heath at the War Memorial on Muster Green. The Service will take place on Sunday 12th November and 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.

Everyone is welcome to attend to mark this special day in our history.



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The Mayor's Charity Time4Children



We are excited and honoured to announce that Time 4 Children has been chosen as the Mayor's Charity of the Year.

Time 4 Children provides free 1:1 support sessions, to emotionally vulnerable children, of primary school age in Mid Sussex. Each year we aim to support around 45 children, with at least 675 sessions of emotional listening support. In these sessions children can share their worries, anxieties or fears, with a trained volunteer practitioner using reflective listening and non-directive play techniques. Children need our support for a variety of reasons: they may be dealing with anxiety, family breakdown, parental mental health issues, domestic violence, bereavement and special educational needs, to name a few.



Money raised this year will help towards the cost of training more volunteer practitioners, supplying toys and equipment for the sessions. Providing staff to supervise and support the volunteers, assess referrals, visit families and liaise with schools. It will help provide ongoing training courses and DBS checks for all volunteers and staff. As a tiny charity relying solely on fundraising and donations we simply cannot survive without this kind of support. Parents, schools and the children themselves regularly tell us what a difference our sessions make. The children are less anxious and worried, they have improved self-confidence, better concentration, greater levels of resilience and increased self-esteem.

Without such kindness and generosity from the community, many children would remain unsupported and could go on to develop serious mental health problems before they reach secondary school. Thank you to the Mayor for choosing us as her charity.

*Esther Featherstone, Fundraising Co-ordinator,
Time4Children Charity*

The Mayor and Time4Children will be holding some fun filled charity fundraising events so do keep an eye on our website and social media channels for news and help to support this local charity.

For more information or to contact Time4Children, call 01444 440547 Monday to Friday between 9am and 4pm

Or email office@time4children.org.uk.
Visit the website: <https://www.time4children.org.uk/>
or help fundraise by emailing events@time4children.org.uk

Haywards Heath IN BLOOM News



Committee members visited the Bentswood Hub to see their entry into the South & South East In Bloom 'it's your neighbourhood' competition and to wish them good luck.

We were delighted to hear about all the wonderful work that went into making over this lovely green space. Talking to some of the younger gardeners I discovered their favourite theme was the fairy garden. It was so carefully planned for young visitors and I am sure this magical space will be really appreciated by all the fairies & children who come along to visit and play. The community hub garden is built and created from recycled materials and its fun spotting all the items that have been put to good use. I hope lots of people drop by to enjoy this special little environmentally friendly space. We wish everyone success with the South & South East In Bloom competition.

Watch out for our own **Haywards Heath Best Kept Garden** competition. Winners will be announced soon so check out our Facebook page and Website!

Cllr Sandy Ellis, Chair, Haywards Heath IN BLOOM Committee



Heath Twinning Association: Free French course!



As part of its celebration of 25 years of Twinning with BONDUES, near Lille in Northern France, the Haywards Heath Twinning Association is offering a FREE 10 week course in French to residents of Haywards Heath and surrounding villages.

The course will be suitable for those who have some basic French and will also be accessible for complete beginners, commencing Tuesday 3 October 2023 from 11am-12 noon for 10 weeks. The tutor will be Liz Price, a fully qualified teacher of adult learners. Liz currently runs the French Language Group within the Twinning Association.

There is no charge for the course but students will be expected to join the Haywards Heath Twinning Association prior to enrolling on the course. The annual membership fee is currently £10. Numbers will be limited so please contact Liz Price on htwinners@gmail.com for further information.

For more information on the Haywards Heath Twinning Association visit <https://www.hhta.co.uk/>



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Find out how we can help you!



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Vicki Thorne, Cullen Scholefield. Please do contact us if you think our services could benefit you or for more information.
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St Richard's Church Dementia friendly Cafés



Twice a month St Richard's hall is transformed into an informal café for people living with dementia. Everyone is welcome especially those with memory difficulties and their supporters. The cafés are open for two hours, typically on the first Saturday and third Tuesday of the month. No booking is required, just turn up on the day, and if you are interested in becoming a volunteer please do get in touch. The cafés run from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, details are available on their website.

St Richards Church, Sydney Rd, Haywards Heath RH16 1QE
Website: <https://www.strichards.co.uk/>

Summer Show Review

Our Summer Show was held in the gazebo at The Orchards in June. A very colourful show enhanced by the perfumes from fabulous sweet peas and roses. It was good to see entries from our new members who won several top prizes.



Roger Dix produced excellent sweet peas, despite the hot spell, and David Radford gained highest points for vegetables in both our Spring and Summer shows. We had some spectacular roses this year with Sylvia Harris winning several cups for her beautiful roses. The best Junior Award went to Zoe Burchill for her Painted Pebble.

The charming new Mayor, Stephanie Inglesfield, presented the cups and awards to the worthy winners and thanked our Chair Shirley Anderson, and collectively all exhibitors. She also paid special thanks to Nicola Bird for her wonderful support to the town, to her staff and the Bay Tree Café. Our Raffle featuring great prizes from The Orchards local businesses was drawn by Mayor to the delighted winners.

We are a fun friendly group, always looking for new members so why not find out more about us on our website.

Sylvia Harris, Haywards Heath Horticultural Society
<https://www.hhhs.org.uk/> or email us at info@hhhs.org.uk



The Haywards Heath Arts Festival

9th -17th September 2023: Various venues

Building on the overwhelming success of last year, the Haywards Heath Arts Festival returns with an exciting programme of events and activities for all ages and interests. Taking place from the 9th to the 17th of September 2023, the festival will showcase the best of local and national talent across a wide spectrum of artistic genres. Whether you want to enjoy a live performance, join a workshop, browse an exhibition, or discover something new, organisers hope that there will be something for everyone during festival week.

The festival committee, helped by volunteers, aim to promote and support the arts in the town and surrounding areas and to raise money for its charity partners, who this year are 'Hope and Homes for Children' supporting the fantastic work they do for the children caught up in the conflict in Ukraine, and the 'Motor Neurone Disease Association'. The festival is also supported by generous sponsors and partners including Haywards Heath Town Council, Gatwick Airport, the Co-Op and The Orchards.

"We are delighted to present the second Haywards Heath Arts Festival. We have a fantastic line-up of events and artists that will appeal to all tastes and ages. We hope that everyone will join us in this celebration of creativity, community and charity," said Marion Wilcock, the chairperson of the festival committee.

The festival's programme of events and ticket information is available on the festival's website www.haywardsheathartsfestival.co.uk. You can also follow the festival on Facebook for the latest updates and news.



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Winter Management Plan

The Town Council has finalised its Winter Management Plan for this coming Winter 2023/2024. 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 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 metre of ice/snow.

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

What's on

2 September
2-4pm
Haywards Heath Horticultural Society Autumn Show
Centenary Hall, St Wilfrid's Church, Haywards Heath

9 September
12pm-9pm
Town Day
Victoria Park, Haywards Heath

9th-17th
September
Haywards Heath Arts Festival
Various Venues

17 September
12pm
Battle of Britain Parade & Service
War Memorial, Muster Green, Haywards Heath

12 November
10.45-11.45am
Remembrance Sunday Service
War Memorial, Muster Green, Haywards Heath

25 November
10am-5.30pm
Christmas Festival
The Orchards, South Road, Haywards Heath

25 November
6pm
Festive Fireworks
Victoria Park, South Road Haywards Heath

Christmas Festival & Fireworks

Saturday 25th November



Come along to The Orchards on Saturday 25th November from 10am to 5.30pm for the annual Christmas Festival and Christmas lights switch on. Mickey, Minnie, Olaf and lots of friends will be joining the celebrations at 2:30pm, along with Santa and his elves. Join in the traditional countdown as the Mayor switches the Christmas lights on at 5pm and 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 FREE festival as we get into the Christmas party mood! What's more Santa's Grotto returns to The Orchards every Saturday throughout December, Ho Ho Ho!



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