



# Spring 2017 Newsletter

HAYWARDS HEATH  
TOWN COUNCIL



## Mayor's Message



During the run-up to Christmas, my wife and I were very busy supporting local charities and voluntary groups. We participated in a number of events with a 'hands on' attitude.

We are very fortunate to have a wonderful network of volunteers and voluntary groups in Haywards Heath, who give up their time to help and support others.

It's been a pleasure to support my chosen charity, Sussex Autism Support. My thanks go to the Chairwoman, Katarina Wilmore and her team for the outstanding service given to families.

The Mayor's Christmas Carol Service held at the Town Hall, was a success with residents and Councillors in attendance. My thanks to the Haywards Heath Brownies and Girl Guides who sang carols during the evening.

I was extremely honoured to be awarded "Honorary Member" of the Haywards Heath Rotary Club, for which I give my warmest thanks.

The honour and privilege of being appointed Town Mayor in May 2015 has been a humbling experience. Understanding and helping others who really need support has been enormously rewarding. As Mayor, I hope I have fulfilled our Town Council Motto "To Serve the People Well" and I will continue to do so as a Ward Councillor, as well as a County Councillor for Haywards Heath Town.

My term of office will shortly be coming to an end in May this year and I want to take this opportunity to thank residents for the support and strength shown to me over the past two years. It's been a privilege to serve this fantastic town and its residents. My wife and I thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

My thanks go to Town Council Staff, Councillors, local charities and businesses who have supported me. Wishing you all the very best for 2017.

**Clr Sujan Wickremaratchi** - Haywards Heath Town Mayor

### PETLANDS LODGE Church Road, Haywards Heath



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## Spring Festival

Sunday 23 April, 1.30pm to 4.30pm on Muster Green



The Spring Festival will once again be taking place on Muster Green. There will be a fun fair, tea and cakes, arts and crafts and lots of other goodies. If you are a charity and would like to have a free stall, please contact the Town Council.

## Haywards Heath in Bloom at Spring Festival!

Haywards Heath in Bloom (HHiB) and Haywards Heath Horticultural Society (HHHS) will provide a hanging basket demonstration at this year's Spring Festival. Committee members will be on hand to answer questions and there will be displays and leaflets on how to achieve the best results for your summer hanging baskets.

Details of the Best Kept Garden, Best Kept Allotment and Best Business award, organised by HHiB will be available on the day. Thanks go to Mid Sussex District Council for funding support and Upcountry Garden Centre for sponsorship.

Local care homes, resident's groups and primary schools, will be taking part in an art competition organised by HHiB. Visitors to the Spring Festival may cast their votes for their favourite entry. These are fun competitions but the standard and creativity of entries is often exceptional. The HHiB Committee and Haywards Heath Town Council look forward to welcoming you to the Spring Festival.



After four years in development Haywards Heath Town Council's Neighbourhood Plan was put to public referendum on the 1st December 2016. The Plan was overwhelmingly supported by those who voted, with 90.1 % of those who voted saying YES.

As a result, the Neighbourhood Plan was 'made' by Mid Sussex District Council as the Planning Authority, at its meeting of Full Council dated 14th December 2016.

Subsequently, there was a six-week legal challenge period. This period has passed which now means that the Neighbourhood Plan is part of the Planning Framework, with planning decisions being made in accordance with the document. To view the Neighbourhood Plan please visit the Town Council's website or pop into the Town Hall.

## Meet your Middy reporter

Do you have a story you would like to see in the Mid Sussex Times? Are you keen to share your views in the paper? If so, come and meet Middy reporter Jennifer Logan, at the Haywards Heath Town Council offices in Boltro Road.

Jennifer is very keen to meet any Mid Sussex Times readers who have a story that they think should be published in the paper.

The reader surgery has become a regular monthly event, allowing the Mid Sussex Times to get to know all its readers and find out what is important to them.

The date of the next surgery is Friday 5th May and Jennifer will be at the Town Hall from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Members of the public who have any queries can email Jennifer in advance via [jennifer.logan@jpress.co.uk](mailto:jennifer.logan@jpress.co.uk) or they can call 01903 282 363.

## Community Warden Update

Some of you may have seen him patrolling the town and generally making himself known. Chris Hayward, the Town Council's Community Warden, has now been in post since September. His regular rounds include Commercial Square, The Broadway, South Road and Sussex Road. Chris also responds to community needs and concerns as they arise and has been seen further afield in Bolnore Village and America Lane recreation ground.

Chris has made good links with the local Police, businesses, Mid Sussex District Council's Rangers and people in and

around the Town's main parks. Since the start of the Community Warden initiative, Chris has reported a diverse range of crime, including counterfeit currency, theft and attempted theft, verbal and physical abuse, trespass, drug related issues, public order and street drinking. To December 2016, a total of 104 crimes were reported to the Council's electronic reporting system, which is now linked to Haywards Heath Police Station.

Chris is the friendly face of crime prevention, do say hello if you see him and contact the Town Council if you would like any other information.



## Haywards Heath Town Community Interest Company

The Town Council is delighted to announce the continuation of the Highway Cluster agreement with West Sussex County Council. The partnership with neighbouring Parish Councils, Lindfield, Lindfield Rural and Ardingly, will continue to provide minor highway works. This agreement started in May 2013 and will now remain until mid-2018, with the possibility of a further extension. The agreement ensures that with the advantage of local knowledge, issues are dealt with promptly. Persistent problems are quickly addressed and any duplication of works is avoided, thus providing value for money and an effective local service.

### What do the works include?

- Weed spraying
- Highway sign cleaning
- Vegetation removal for road sight line, twitten and alleyway
- Gully inspection and surface clearance of gully
- Fly tipping removal
- Management of highway defects (flood warnings, damage to highways, street furniture and chevrons, loose slabs etc)
- Roundabout maintenance.
- Street nameplates.

Please report problems by telephoning the Town Hall on 01444 455694. Alternatively email [hhtowncic@gmail.com](mailto:hhtowncic@gmail.com)

## Good news for community groups!

The Town Council is delighted to report that to date they have awarded grants to fifteen local community and voluntary groups. Impact Foundation, Time 4 Children and Cruse Bereavement Care are just some of the groups who have benefitted from Town Council funding.

More information, including application form, criteria and closing dates may be found on the Town Council website.

## Carers Event 2017

Look out for more information on the Koorana Centre's Carers Event on Wednesday 14th June, at the Town Hall.



## The Tuesday Club

Members of this woman only group meet on the second Tuesday of the month from 10.00am to 12.00 noon at the Town Hall. Tea/coffee & biscuits, including a raffle ticket costs £2.



Healthwatch West Sussex, is your local independent watchdog for health and social care services. It is here to make sure you have a say in important decisions and to find out where care is working well and where it could be improved. We record what you tell us and share this anonymously with the people who make decisions about our health and care services. Not only do we collect the experiences of local people but we can also provide you with free information and guidance.

## Ashenground Community Centre

This year the Ashenground Community Centre will celebrate its 10th Anniversary. If you haven't visited us yet, please do so as we host a large number of groups that provide activities for all to enjoy.

There are children's groups including playgroup, toddlers, singing, dance and language classes. Exercise groups including Karate, Jazz, Folk Dancing and Table Tennis. Relaxation groups like Yoga, Pilates and Art. Wellbeing groups for people with various conditions and for their Carers, and much more.

Also, in response to recent community surveys we now have bi-monthly Community Films (the next one will be on May

**Share your story today** by using one of the many ways you can contact us. You can telephone us on **0300 012 0122**. Alternatively, you can email us at [helpdesk@healthwatchwestsussex.co.uk](mailto:helpdesk@healthwatchwestsussex.co.uk), or visit our website at [www.healthwatchwestsussex.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchwestsussex.co.uk). You can speak to us at one of our events which are listed online or follow our social media channels to always be updated with the latest in health and social care news across West Sussex: Facebook, Twitter.

We also provide a **free Independent Health Complaints Advocacy Service**, so if you need guidance on an NHS complaint you can contact us.

Healthwatch is a transparent and independent organisation, with the authority to demand action. **Together we speak louder.**



Haywards Heath Dementia Action Alliance are working with the three towns in the District to organise a special dementia friendly event in **Clair Hall on Tuesday 16th May**. This special event takes place during National Dementia Awareness Week. There will be stalls, information sessions, a Dementia Friends session and a Virtual Dementia Tour, where you can experience what it may be like to have dementia. For more information contact Guy Boyling on 07530 560412 or email [dementiaday@haywardsheathdaa.org.uk](mailto:dementiaday@haywardsheathdaa.org.uk)

13th) and we are working hard to provide a Community Café which will hopefully open in the Summer. Look out for posters advertising our Open afternoon on July 22nd where you can see some of our groups in action and enjoy a cup of tea and some cake.



Details of all our groups and our future plans can be found on our website [www.ashengroundcc.org](http://www.ashengroundcc.org)

## Who does what?

The Town Council staff receive a number of telephone calls which have to be re-directed to the appropriate local authority. With 'three tiers' of local government it can sometimes be a little confusing, so the chart below is a guide on who to telephone.

West Sussex County Council 01273 777100	Mid Sussex District Council 01444 458166	Haywards Heath Town Council 01444 455694
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Social Services</li> <li>• Social care &amp; health</li> <li>• Libraries</li> <li>• Blue Badges</li> <li>• Highways</li> <li>• Planning</li> <li>• Fire &amp; Rescue Service</li> <li>• Passenger transport</li> <li>• Street lighting - highways</li> <li>• Pot holes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning</li> <li>• Licensing &amp; building control</li> <li>• Housing</li> <li>• Housing Benefit</li> <li>• Council Tax &amp; Benefit</li> <li>• Waste &amp; recycling</li> <li>• Environment &amp; Health</li> <li>• Mid Sussex Wellbeing Team</li> <li>• Electoral Services</li> <li>• Parking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Guide</li> <li>• Allotments</li> <li>• Western Road Cemetery</li> <li>• Muster Green &amp; flowerbeds</li> <li>• Street furniture</li> <li>• Street lighting - footpaths</li> <li>• Bus shelters</li> <li>• Some highway work</li> <li>• Winter management plans - provision of salt bins</li> <li>• Community Warden</li> <li>• Consultee on planning applications</li> <li>• Code for concessionary Railcard</li> </ul>

## 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 Stephen Hillier | 38 Bentswood Crescent, HH, RH16 3QR | Tel: 07830 200722  
 Vacancies – By-elections 4th May 2017

### Franklands Ward

CLlr Rod Clarke | 101 Beech Hill, HH, RH16 3TS | Tel: 01444 413529  
 CLlr Jed Dwight | Cleavewater, Fox Hill, HH, RH16 4QT | Tel: 07511 100078  
 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

## Community Noticeboard



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