



## *Newhaven Town Council - Annual Report 2015-16*







## *The Mayor - Councillor Steve Saunders*



Having been lucky enough to have been chosen to serve as Newhaven's Mayor for a second time, I knew just how busy you can be. This year has been exceptionally so, with so much going on in and around the Town since May last year.

I began by choosing my charities for the year and my partner Sharon and I finally settled on the Newhaven Lifeboats and the Seahaven Ambulance Community First Responders.

Newhaven Lifeboats are so important to our Town and having hit the headlines with their extraordinary exploits in recent years, they were an obvious choice to receive my support on your behalf.

The Responders were chosen for similar reasons, but also because of the personal debt my family and I owe them and that of a good friend and former Councillor.

The voluntary groups in Newhaven and the sense community we have, seems to have been even stronger this year and I have so enjoyed meeting everyone and helping them to network and raise awareness of what they do every day of the year. There are so many selfless individuals in this Town, that give up their time, energy and often their own money, so that others can enjoy life and experience something extra special.

I have relied heavily on Sharon again this year and without her hard work, helping to organise events, looking after my diary and supporting me along the way, I would not have been able to do half of what I have achieved and we would not have raised as much as we have.



I won't know our final total for a little while, as my last event – a sponsored cycle ride from London to Paris will finish only a couple of days before the end of my Mayoral year. I am hoping to raise more than in my previous year and to be able to get enough to present the Responders with 2 state-of-the-art defibrillators. I have already been able to present them with one machine at a wonderful event organised by the High Sheriff of East Sussex, Juliet Smith, at her farewell reception in Ditchling in March. The responders are in turn, releasing 2 of their existing machines to the community and we are busy finding where best to site them.



We organised a Blues Brothers Tribute evening at the Newhaven Fort, 2 Tea Dances at Meeching Hall, 2 Quizzes with the help of 3<sup>rd</sup> Newhaven Scouts, the Mayor's Carol Concert at St. Michael's Church and a Karaoke Night with the help of Glenn Stubley of the White Hart, Newhaven and Tom Bonnor.

The year has seen many highs and lows for the town, with the new UTC opening its doors, along with the new Library and the re-location of the Fire Station into the old Saxonholme site. The Co-op has closed its doors in Newhaven Town Centre and of course there were the District Council plans to build on one of beloved green spaces at Meeching Down (the Union). Through the overwhelming support of the residents of Newhaven, and that of like-minded groups in other affected towns and villages, the District Council plans have been withdrawn and the Town Centre's future looks brighter, now that the leases in Newhaven Square have been bought by LDC. We are working closely with officers there, to ensure the best possible outcome and try to make sure that it remains a

retail hub for the community. I know that all my fellow Councillors will continue to work together for the good of the town, in the year ahead and along with our team of knowledgeable and hard-working officers, are hoping to bring forward our Neighbourhood Plan for Newhaven, following a great deal of consultation and involvement of some local representatives from Newhaven residents.

We have had a great number events this year in Newhaven and along with the usual annual events like: The Lifeboat Fete; the Fish Festival and; the Christmas Shopping event, we have had a Halloween Spooktacular, an Italian Market and an Easter Eggstravaganza in the High Street, thanks in no small part to the newly formed Seahaven Traders Association. The Spooktacular event gave me a chance to practice my dressing up skills again and made an interesting change from Spongebob Squarepants, the alter ego which for better or worse, I am known best for by many of the children in the town.

Our Young Mayor Janki Pillai, has accompanied me to several events and like her predecessors, has been a wonderful ambassador for the young people of Newhaven and a credit to her family.



In December, the world was rocked by some tragic events in Paris, but the people of Newhaven came together to show solidarity with our neighbours in France and we were honoured to welcome Capt. Francois Jean to lower the Tricolor at the Memorial Green to half mast, for a week of respect. I was joined by the Mayors of Seaford, Peacehaven and Telscombe, as well as many local residents, keen to openly stand together in defiant support.

This year more than most, the partnership between local Mayors has been very evident. With the Mayors of Polegate and Lewes, as well as the neighbouring coastal towns, keen to support one another and promote each of their community events.



The commemorative events in August and November for the Dieppe Raid and Armistice Day saw large numbers of our townsfolk paying their respects to the fallen and they were joined by our local cadet forces, members of the British Legion, Sussex University Royal Naval Unit, representatives of veteran groups, uniformed professions and schoolchildren.



As usual, I was accompanied by my Deputy Mayor Paul Boswell, over to Dieppe for their events to commemorate the Canadian and Allied Landings in 1942, as well as the Chair of East Sussex County Council, Chair of Lewes District Council, Mayor of Brighton and the High Sheriff of East Sussex.

During my cycle ride in May, I visited the famous nun, Sister Agnes Marie Valois, to bestow honorary membership of the Royal Society of St. George to her. She is a truly remarkable woman who helped the wounded and dying on the beaches of France in the infamous raid of 1942. I last met her in 2014, when I represented Newhaven at her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations in Dieppe.

Yet again, I've been lucky enough to be asked to: open fêtes and fairs; shops and businesses; present awards and certificates; attend dinners, drama performances, exhibitions, church services and civic receptions; judge awards and competitions; meet with the French Port owners and with investors and developers; appear on radio and; abseil down the cliffs for charity; climb up to the top of the church steeple and; even perform on stage at the Barn Theatre.

I can only thank everyone for inviting me along, as well as the support of the officers at the Council and my fellow Councillors, that gave me another opportunity to serve as Mayor for Newhaven. I have always tried to do my best for the town I love and I hope that this is how my year is remembered.

I'd like to give special thanks to my Deputy Mayor, Councillor Paul Boswell, his fiancée Debbie and to Jacky, Susie, Ruth, Nicky, Jill and Kevin in the office, for helping bring success to our ideas and events and supporting Sharon and I throughout this wonderful year.

As before, my final thanks go to Sharon, my family and friends for their patience and support. Without them, I would not have accomplished anywhere near as much.



*Councillor Steve Saunders  
Mayor of Newhaven 2015-2016*

## *Town Council Activities*



### **NEWHAVEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Town Council is producing a Neighbourhood Plan that when adopted, will set out where new development will be located, what type it will be (such as housing, employment and leisure) and what it should look like.

Over the last year the town council has continued to engage with residents through questionnaires and meetings. Four public meetings took place in January so we could inform residents about the progress so far on the plan and ask for views on sites that are being suggested for residential development by landowners. Earlier residents were asked for their views on the town centre.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has recently been carrying out assessments of the 43 sites that have been suggested for residential development. As well as considering if sites are available, suitable and deliverable, the sites have also been assessed for their contribution to sustainable development. This is a requirement to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan is found sound by an examiner when they consider the plan later in the year.

The Town Council is currently waiting to hear from Department of Communities and Local Government if it has been successful in its bid for funding, to help deliver a plan which includes masterplanning the more complicated areas of Eastside and the town centre.

Having a Neighbourhood Plan in place will mean that more money will be available to invest in facilities and services for local residents, so although producing a Plan is a complex process there are rewards at the end of the process.



## WEST BEACH

The Public Inquiry into the town council's right of way application took place during June and July 2015.

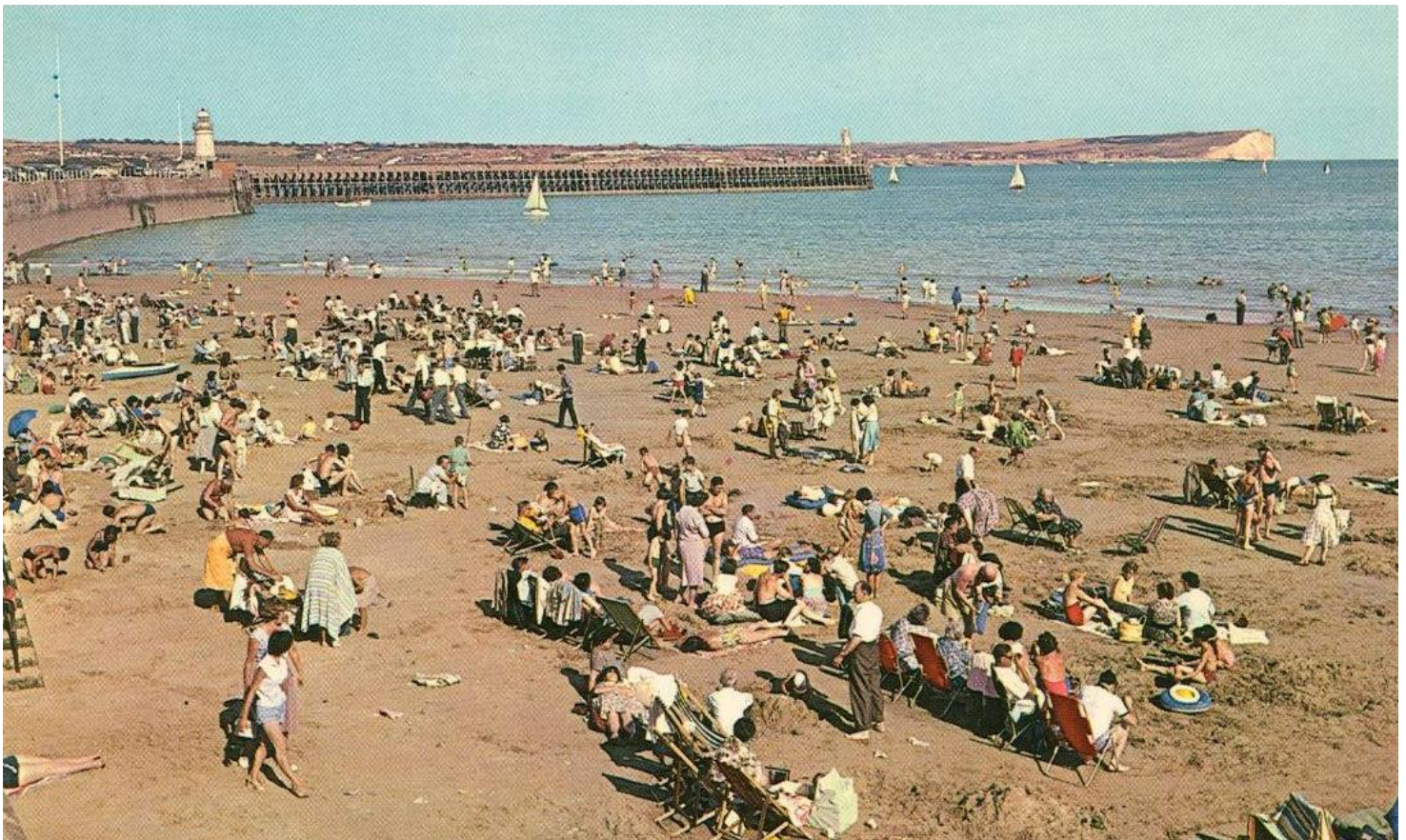
The report by the Inspector was received at the beginning of September.

The result is a partial victory for the town council – the Inspector agreed that the full width of the promenade is a right of way, but did not accept that the steps down to the sandy beach should also be a right of way. Unfortunately of course local people would need to use the steps to gain access to the sand.

Michael Lowe, the Inspector, found that the promenade is similar in nature to a private road where the presumption is that the full width of the way has been dedicated and there is no indication that the public have been restricted to any particular part of the promenade. Mr Lowe also concluded that parking is permitted on the northern and southern edges of the promenade.

On the issue of the steps, however, Mr Lowe decided that use of the steps was purely ancillary to the use of the beach for recreational purposes, which the Supreme Court in the village green case decided was by permission of the landowner as a result of the bye-laws. For the public to be using either the beach or the steps "as of right" they would have to have been doing so without permission.

The town council decided not to object to the decision of the Inspector and accordingly the Order has been amended. The town council is continuing to hold discussions with Newhaven Port and Properties, both about the beach and other port related matters such as the future of the Newhaven Dieppe ferry.



## *Policy & Resources Committee*

### *Chair - Councillor Paul Boswell*

This has been, once again, a busy year for the Policy & Resources committee. We have been asked to reach a decision as to whether to purchase a limited quantity of ipads for a trial run, whereby councillors use the tablet to access all the paperwork we have to study, or continue with the 'old – fashioned' paper system.



The committee approved this plan and 2 councillors are using these ipads rather than paper, a decision will be made in the near future regarding their cost effectiveness and viability. The P & R committee also agreed to an update of the IT system in use by the office staff.

Maintenance work continues to be carried out on our buildings hired out to the public – Lewes Road hut needed a disabled access ramp, which has recently been installed.

Works to alleviate the issues with damp at East Side social centre were carried out during the spring and summer of 2015.

The extensive update and renovation of Meeching Hall is still under consideration, largely due to the cost of the works needed to bring the building up to modern day standards and partly because the council has at various stages throughout the past year, given consideration to obtaining a new main hall. As this is such a big decision to make, we chose to consult with the public via Newhaven Matters magazine on what they would like to see happen with Meeching Hall.



The P & R committee is also responsible for recommending the Budget Precept for 2016. This is always a difficult balancing act between minimising the effect of cuts on our services from district and county councils on the one hand, and the improvements we want to drive forward in Newhaven on the other.

An interesting and potentially exciting opportunity for the town is the possibility of utilising heat from the incinerator for local businesses or homes. The P & R committee have approved the instruction of a retrieval study into the feasibility of this.

Finally, we have begun a review of the policies and procedures used by the Town Council for various issues ranging from Risk Assessment, complaints procedures, the press and so on.

It has been an honour to act as chair of this committee and I look forward to 2016 with anticipation!

*Councillor Paul Boswell, Deputy Mayor*



# *Planning & Development Committee*

## *Chair - Councillor Darren Grover*



Newhaven Town Council's Planning and Development committee meets every 3 weeks to discuss any planning applications within the town. As one of a number of consultees, we aim to represent the residents of Newhaven in making recommendations to Lewes District Council which, as the Planning Authority, make the final decision on whether to grant or refuse permission for applications.

In discussing planning applications we must as a committee work within the constraints set out in national planning frameworks and Lewes District Council's Local Development Plan. For example, the following are some of the 'material planning considerations' on which we can comment and the Planning Authority can use to make decisions:

- Loss of light or overshadowing
  - Overlooking or loss of privacy
  - Adequacy of parking, loading, turning space and access
  - Road safety
  - Traffic generation
  - Noise or smell
  - Loss of trees
  - Nature conservation
  - Layout and density of buildings
  - Design, appearance and materials, and whether these are in keeping with the surroundings
  - Archaeology and impact on listed buildings



There have been a number of applications and proposals for new buildings as well as extensions and changes of use of existing buildings, in our town over the last year.

Some of these we have strongly objected to, such as proposals to build on our open spaces, where road access is limited or where new buildings might overlook existing ones. Many others though we have welcomed and in 2016 we have seen:

- The completion of the renovation of the old marine workshop for the UTC
- The opening of the new Fire Station, shared with the Neighbourhood Policing Team and Lewes District Council
- Proposals for expansion of existing businesses, including the addition of a restaurant at an existing retail site on West Quay and
- The start of work to create more offices for new businesses on Denton Island.

As part of Lewes District Council's Local Development Plan, Newhaven is earmarked for a significant number of new homes. While we recognise the need for new homes for local people, we are committed to ensuring that the Town's Planning Committee remains an effective voice for people of Newhaven in discussions about the design, quality and location of these homes and their impact on existing residents.



While the creation of Newhaven's Neighbourhood Plan is not led by the Planning Committee – it is led by residents – allowing everyone the opportunity to have a say in setting the vision for the future of Newhaven and, when complete, it will provide the framework that will inform discussions the Planning Committee and the District Planning Authority have about planning applications. I am confident that the Neighbourhood Plan represents a new chapter in the development of Newhaven and I look forward to the improvements it will bring.

I would like to take the opportunity to encourage you to get in touch with us if you have an opinion on any planning application that you think would affect you – we always welcome your comments, positive or negative, about any potential development and would like to thank all of you who have fed into our responses previously. I would also like to thank all members of the committee for their contributions as well as the Clerk for her invaluable support and insight.

*Councillor Darren Grover*  
*Chair of the Planning & Development Committee*



# *Environment & Open Spaces Committee*

## *Chair - Councillor Graham Amy*



### **NEWHAVEN IN BLOOM**

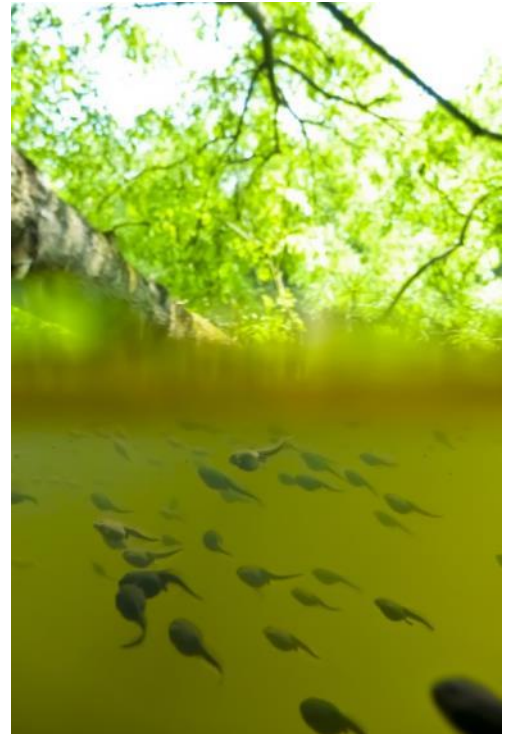
Newhaven Town Council and Garden Paradise will be continuing the excellent work that the Newhaven in Bloom committee took in brightening up our Town. We intend to run the Newhaven in Bloom annual competition for residents with the help of our partners, so look out for entry forms at Paradise Park. We must also thank the Management at the centre for their generous offer of a thousand daffodil bulbs which were planted by our grounds maintenance contractor Burleys to the west of the MacDonald's roundabout.

### **PLANTERS AT NEWHAVEN TOWN STATION**

Once again working with Garden Paradise we will be putting four planters at the town station complete with colourful bedding plants. This will be a welcoming site for both visitors and commuters using the station.

### **VALLEY PONDS**

We have been busy in the last twelve months clearing culverts, cutting back undergrowth and planting wildflower turf in order to make the ponds a nicer place for people to visit and to enhance the flora and fauna of the area. The main purpose of the ponds is to act as a drainage catchment area for the Valley and we hope that by researching historical records and clearing a number of the culverts we can alleviate some of the flooding that has taken place over many years. The ponds are also important for their toad, frog and newt populations and we have working with contractors to improve the flows through the most westerly pond. The toad and frog population has decreased in recent years because of increased road traffic and oil pollution. However, one thing that residents can do to help improve the water quality in the ponds is by not disposing of engine oil and paints down the drains.



### **BAY VIEW AMENITY AREA**

The area to the west of the Hillcrest Centre has been transformed into a mini park which we hope will bring enjoyment to residents of all ages and for generations to come. It has been the wish of your Council for many years to improve this green oasis close to the Town Centre. The amenity area has been built on the top of the old air raid shelter that served the former school during World War2. Unfortunately before



the improvements could be made, the Council had to strengthen the building which had started to decay and collapse after lack of maintenance over the years. The shelters have now been made safe and the area is set to be a much needed green space within a stone's throw of the Town Centre.

### WAR MEMORIAL GREEN

Visitors and residents alike have all said how impressed they are with the two beautiful commemorative benches and the matching litter bin at the War Memorial Green. They have been very well used and although close to the busy ring road the Green does provide an area to sit and remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. We have also employed stone masons to clean and refurbish the memorials so that the names of the fallen live on.



### TOWN CENTRE

Newhaven Town Council has successfully bid for a major grant to put in what is known as a "Pocket Park." The Town Centre has long struggled to be attractive and hold interest for local businesses, residents and visitors, and many have become disillusioned with what it has to offer. The Pocket Park offers us an opportunity to act on a long held aspiration for residents and traders to "green" the centre. We are looking to build a multi-purpose performance area, available for community groups to act, sing, dance and exhibit. Using local artists and designers and the community of Newhaven, the Town Council will establish a multi-purpose structure in a green setting with a maritime focus.

*Councillor Graham Amy*  
*Chair of Environment & Open Spaces*



## *Community Engagement & Promotion Committee*

### *Chair - Councillor Julie Carr*



The Community Engagement and Promotion Committee oversees Council communications and promotions such as its website, newsletter and social media and is also responsible for supporting tourism and promotional activities, community events, civic and commemorative awards and the awarding of grants.

#### GRANT AID

Once again I am delighted to report that the Grant Aid committee has been able to support a number of local organisations with funding, and over the past year this has included the following:

- Breakout Community Trust
- Denton & District Cricket Club
- Hillcrest Community Centre
- Newhaven Cricket Club
- NIPPERS
- Rock Solid Youth Club
- Rotary Club of Newhaven
- Meeching Amateur Dramatics (MAD)
- Newhaven & Peacehaven U3A
- Our Newhaven
- Seahaven FM
- Age UK East Sussex
- Air Training Corp 1218 Squadron
- Denton Community Challenge
- Denton Primary School
- Earthquake Drummers
- Denton Women's Fellowship
- Hillcrest Film Society
- National Coastwatch Newhaven
- Newhaven and Seaford Sea Cadets
- Seahaven Scoutex
- Seahaven Veterans and Armed Forces Day



## NEWHAVEN MATTERS

The Newhaven Matters magazine continues to be a great success. The magazine is produced quarterly and the ninth edition was delivered to all households in the town at the beginning of April. It includes lots of information about things going on in the town and local organisations as well as news from the town council itself.

## HERITAGE LOTTERY FUNDING

The town council was fortunate enough to gain Heritage Lottery funding for a major project “Newhaven’s First World War” to create a lasting legacy of the anniversary with a poppy trail of lecterns around the town telling the story of Newhaven during the First World War, online information , workshops, talks and newsletters. A very successful event was held recently at the fort on 26th March, where there were activities for the whole family, these included a children’s quiz with Easter eggs for prizes, a number of talks, i) Sussex in the Great War, ii) Newhaven Fort and Garrison during the Great War and iii) Newhaven’s First World War. There were also craft activities where children could help to create a poppy field collage, or make a special permit to allow them to enter Newhaven during the First World War (all residents needed one from 1917 onwards)

## NEWHAVEN COMMUNITY AWARDS

The Newhaven Community Awards are overseen by the Community Engagement and Promotion Committee, this year’s awards are for Adults in our town with the following three categories, unsung hero, volunteer and achiever, (it was for young people last year) and will be presented by the Mayor at the annual Town Meeting on 19th April 2016. The evening is always a really lovely occasion and it is wonderful to see the achievements of some of the town’s young people and heroes in this way.



*Councillor Julie Parr  
Chair of Community Engagement & Promotion Committee*



# *The Role of Newhaven Town Council*

There are three tiers of local government with areas of responsibility in Newhaven – East Sussex County Council, Lewes District council and Newhaven Town Council.

**East Sussex County Council's** responsibilities include:

- ◆ Adult Social Care, working in partnership with East Sussex Downs & Weald PCT and others, to assess the needs of and commission services for older people and those with disabilities, either in their own homes or in residential placements;
- ◆ Waste Disposal, such as by landfill or incineration
- ◆ Children's Services, leading the Children's Trust arrangements, supporting school improvement, commissioning services for children and families through Children's Centres and otherwise, and managing fostering and adoption;
- ◆ Transport and Environment, including road safety; the maintenance of footways, roads and bridges, and street lighting; support for public transport; rights of way and access to the countryside; and protection of the Downs and Heritage Coast;
- ◆ A range of other services, including Libraries, Archives and Records Management, Trading Standards, Adult Community Learning, and the Registration Service.

**Lewes District Council's** responsibilities include:

- ◆ Housing
- ◆ Deciding planning applications
- ◆ Rubbish collection from premises in the town; provision of recycling facilities
- ◆ Street cleansing
- ◆ Environmental health
- ◆ Provision of leisure and sports facilities, such as the Seahaven Pool, recreation grounds
- ◆ Collection of Council Tax on behalf of all three tiers of local government
- ◆ Licensing of taxis

**Newhaven Town Council** is the equivalent of a village parish council. It receives annually a small percentage of the money raised by Council Tax, known as "the Precept." This money can be spent on the provision of various things that are of particular benefit to the local community and which the Town Council feel are not adequately provided by the other two tiers.

Eighteen local people serve as Councillors on the Town Council. They are all volunteers and receive no pay for the work they do on behalf of the town. Elections are held every four years.

During 2013-14 the Town Council adopted a new committee system with three main standing committees – Policy & Resources, Environment & Open Spaces and Community Engagement & Promotion. All meetings of the Council are open to the public and there is a short period at the beginning of each meeting put aside for questions from the public and for the receipt of petitions.

An important part of the role of the Town Council is to represent the views of the town in response to various public consultations.

On a regular basis our Planning Applications Committee meet to look at planning applications received by the Planning Authority and to pass on to them our comments. The Town Council always try to represent the views put forward by local people in this regard, although sometimes this can prove difficult when an application is controversial and has both vocal support and opposition amongst local residents.

Nevertheless, members of the Planning Applications Committee take a vigilant approach in representing the local viewpoint, and encourage objectors/supporters of planning applications to attend meetings and put forward their views. When an application is of particular public interest a special public meeting may be held.

At the present time, Newhaven Town Council provides the following for the local community:

- ◆ The Town Council **offices** in Fort Road act as an information point for local residents. The offices were the subject of a major refurbishment in 2003-4 and are people friendly, with easy public access from street level. Internally there is a lift for the less agile or parents with buggies and the interior is light, modern and convenient. Current planning applications may be viewed there during normal office opening hours. The building also has large reception area for viewing materials and a large private meeting room. Leaflets and posters are displayed concerning local events, places of interest and other items of general interest. The meeting room is modern and well equipped and is in regular use in hosting meetings. The offices are owned by the Town Council.
- ◆ Four **social centres** are owned, maintained and run by the Town Council. They are available for hire by local organisations and individuals. They are Denton Social Centre, East Side Social Centre, Lewes Road Hut and Meeching Hall.
- ◆ Some of the town's **recreation grounds** are maintained by the Town Council. These are the Denton Recreation Ground and Children's Play Area, the Valley Road Play Area, and the Lewes Road Recreation Ground and Children's Play Area. Other local recreation grounds and play areas are the responsibility of Lewes District Council.
- ◆ Three **amenity areas** in the town are maintained by the Town Council. The Bay View Amenity Area in Bay View Road is owned by the Town Council and maintained as a grassed area with public seating. The Valley Ponds area is owned and looked after by the Town Council as a wildlife conservation area and amenity area for local residents. The strip of land known as the Rose Walk Amenity area (behind Southdown School, linking Church Hill and Rose Walk) is owned by East Sussex County Council and maintained as a grassed area by the Town Council.
- ◆ The town's **war memorials** are looked after by the Town Council. All three memorials – the Canadian Memorial, the Mercantile Marine Memorial (also known as the Transport Memorial) and the town's War Memorial – now stand together in the Memorial Gardens in South Way. Each year in August, the Town Council hosts a commemoration service at the Canadian Memorial on the anniversary of the Dieppe Raid in 1942. The Town Council also works in partnership with the Royal British Legion to organise the annual service of remembrance during November
- ◆ **Newhaven Cemetery** is owned by the Town Council, which acts as the local burial authority. The Cemetery includes burial plots, a garden of remembrance for ashes interments, and a chapel which is used for some funerals.
- ◆ There are a small number of **allotments** at Newhaven Cemetery, which are let to local residents for a nominal annual fee. The allotments at East Side are owned and controlled by Lewes District Council.
- ◆ The Town Council owns and funds the **CCTV cameras** in the town centre, which are operated and maintained by Sussex Police.



- ◆ The **Christmas Lights** in the town centre are owned and put up each year by the Town Council. A number of local businesses allow the Town Council use of their electricity supply for this purpose. The bulbs are LED energy saving bulbs.
- ◆ The **floral boat** at the junction of Bridge Street and South Way is owned and maintained by the Town Council. The Town Council has also planted bulbs in grass verges in various locations in recent years. Additionally, support is given by the Town Council to Newhaven in Bloom, who provide many of the floral displays in the Town in the summer.
- ◆ A **community bus service** operating on a door to door dial-a-ride basis started on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009, funded by the Town Council and operated by Community Transport for the Lewes Area (CTLA). On 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015 the CTLA launched a new free non-emergency service to help local people to and from their homes to their GP Practice and to Lewes Victoria Hospital.
- ◆ Some of the **public seats** in the town are owned and maintained by the Town Council.
- ◆ There are 9 Town Council **noticeboards** around the town which are used for the display of Town Council minutes and agendas and a list of Town Councillors as well as for information on local events.

The Town Council is also consulted on wider matters, such as the Lewes District Sustainable Community Strategy and the Local Development Framework plan.

The Town Council is represented on the following outside bodies:

Access in Seaford and Newhaven Committee  
 Age Concern Day Club  
 Community Transport for the Lewes Area (CTLA)  
 INPACT  
 Lewes District Association of Local Councils  
 Lewes District Foyer  
 Local Partnership for Children  
 Meridian Mature Citizens Forum  
 Newhaven in Bloom  
 Newhaven Strategic Network  
 Open Spaces Group  
 Parishes of the Lower Ouse (POLO)

# Newhaven Town Council Structure 2015-16

## Town Council Members

### Denton Ward

Simon Barnes	10 St Leonards Close, Denton
Diane Hall	7 Fairholme Road, Newhaven
Gillian Smith	21 Eastbridge Road, Newhaven
Charlie Carr	73 Iveagh Crescent, South Heighton
Angela Simmons	Cedars House, 1 Heighton Road, Newhaven

### Meeching Ward

Graham Amy	71 Court Farm Road, Newhaven (Chair of Environment & Open Spaces)
June Dyer	44 Meeching Rise, Newhaven
Laurence Pulling	6 Brooks Close, Newhaven
Marlene Amy	71 Court Farm Road, Newhaven
Peter Elms	12 Willow Walk, Newhaven
Paul Boswell Policy	Meeching Estate Agents, 43 High Street, Newhaven (Deputy Mayor & Chair of & Resources Committee)
Darren Grover	c/o Town Council Offices (Chair of Planning & Development Committee)

### Valley Ward

Tony Bradbury	4 Rothwell Court, Newhaven (Chair of Audit Committee)
Keith Corbett	7 Lee Way, Newhaven
Steve Saunders	25 Southdown Road, Newhaven (Mayor)
Julie Carr	73 Iveagh Crescent, South Heighton ( <i>Chair of Personnel &amp; Community Engagement &amp; Promotion Committees</i> )
Christoph von Kurthy	15 Newfield Road, Newhaven
Alex Wolfson	41 Lewes Road, Newhaven

### Staff

Clerk to the Council	Jacky Main
Responsible Finance Officer	Ruth Durrant
Head of Strategic Development	Susie Mullins
Administration & Finance Officers	Jill Marshall
Assistant to the Clerk	Nicky Still
Caretaker	Kevin Lewry

# Financial Summary 2015-16

## **FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

The Town Council's full accounts for the year 2015/16 will be available later in the year for public inspection.

### **Income**

The Town Council's budget is comprised of the amount paid by residents of the town (via the Council Tax) and the amount raised by income from rentals, lettings, bank interest and other fees and charges.

#### **2015/16**

Precept (Council Tax)	£ 352,429.00
LDC Grant	£ 48,266.00
Income (budgeted)	<u>£ 70,350.00</u>
	<b><u>£ 471,045.00</u></b>

### **Expenditure**

The Town Council's expenditure is controlled by a budgeting and monitoring process which categorises expenditure into separate headings.

For the year 2015/16 the budgeted figures were

Administration/Office (Y)	£ 81,200.00
Staff and Training (Y)	£155,050.00
Building and Grounds Maintenance (O)	£107,345.00
Community Services/Engagement & Promotion Partnership/Support and Services	<u>£ 77,450.00</u>
(CCTV Cameras, Christmas lights, grants, play areas, Citizens Advice Bureau, School Holiday Activities) (B)	<b><u>£421,045.00</u></b>

The Town Council also has an Earmarked Reserves Budget. This is used for projects for which it may be necessary to accumulate funding over a number of years or for special one-off funding demands.

During the year 2015/16, the following expenditure has been made from the Earmarked Reserves:

West Beach Court Cases	£ 61,742.00
Capital Expenditure (Cemetery Roof & Refurb East Side SC)	£ 46,454.00



During the year 2015/16, the following grants were awarded by the Town Council:

2 <sup>nd</sup> Denton & Seaford Scout Group		100.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Newhaven Scout Group		100.00
Age UK East Sussex		300.00
ATC 1218 Squadron		300.00
Denton & District Cricket Club		300.00
Denton Community Challenge		750.00
Denton County Primary School		1035.00
Denton Women's Fellowship		300.00
Earthquake Drummers		300.00
Friends of Riverside Park		100.00
GuestHouse Storytellers		300.00
Hillcrest Community Partnership		200.00
Hillcrest Film Society		300.00
Meeching Amateur Dramatics		200.00
Meridian Mature Citizens Forum		250.00
N.I.P.P.E.R.S		222.00
National Coastwatch Newhaven		300.00
Newhaven & Peacehaven U3A		50.00
Newhaven & Seaford Sea Cadets		300.00
Newhaven Cricket Club		270.00
Newhaven Rotary Club		200.00
Our Newhaven		360.00
Our Newhaven		150.00
Rock Solid (Newhaven) Organisation		200.00
Seahaven Branch Royal Soc St George		250.00
Seahaven FM Broadcasting Ltd		162.98
Seahaven Scoutex		250.00
Seahaven Veterans & Armed Forces Day		250.00

Note:

The accounts of Newhaven Town Council are audited each year in compliance with the Audit Commission Act 1993 - Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 (SI 2003/553).

The accounts for the year 2014/15 have been duly audited and certified by the external auditor.